

MINUTES OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

At an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council for the Borough of Slough held at the Meeting Room 1, Chalvey Community Centre, The Green, Chalvey, Slough, SL1 2SP on Tuesday, 19th December, 2017 at 7.50 pm

Present:- The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Shah), in the chair; Councillors Ajaib, Anderson, Bains, Bal, Brooker, Carter, Cheema, Chohan, Coad, Dar, Davis, Amarpreet Dhaliwal, Arvind Dhaliwal, M Holledge, N Holledge, Hussain, Matloob, Nazir, Pantelic, Parmar, Plenty, Rana, Sadiq, A Sandhu, R Sandhu, Sarfraz, Sharif, Smith, Sohal, Strutton, Swindlehurst, Usmani and Wright.

Apologies for Absence:- Councillors Bedi, Chahal, Chaudhry, Kelly, Mann, Qaseem and Rasib.

49. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Bal declared that his daughter worked for Slough Borough Council.

50. To Consider Motions Submitted regarding Governance and Postal Votes.

Governance Motion

It was moved Councillor Swindlehurst,
Seconded by Councillor Strutton

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Therefore this Council resolves to:

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- Commission the Audit and Corporate Governance Committee to undertake a full review of the Council's governance arrangements.”

The motion was put the vote and carried unanimously.

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Postal Votes Motion

It was moved by Councillor Swindlehurst,
Seconded by Councillor Bains,

“This Council requests that the Returning Officer liaise with the Cabinet Office to design a brief for a pilot scheme to be trialled at the 2018 in local elections in Slough- with the pilot containing measures to strengthen the integrity of the postal vote system, help tackle fraud, and improve voter confidence.”

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Chair

(Note: The Meeting opened at 7.50 pm and closed at 8.14 pm)