

MINUTES OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

At the Annual Meeting of the Council for the Borough of Slough held at The Venue - The Curve, William Street, Slough, SL1 1XY on Thursday, 16th May, 2019 at 7.00 pm

Present:- The Worshipful the Mayor (Mr Sohal), in the chair; Councillors Ajaib, Ali, Anderson, Basra, Bedi, Begum, Brooker, Carter, Chaudhry, A Cheema, H Cheema, Dar, Davis, Dhaliwal, Gahir, M Holledge, N Holledge, Hulme, Hussain, Kelly, Mann, Minhas, Mohammad, Nazir, Pantelic, D Parmar, S Parmar, Plenty, Qaseem, Sabah, Sadiq, A Sandhu, R Sandhu, Sharif, Smith, Strutton, Swindlehurst and Wright.

Apologies for Absence:- Councillors Bains, Matloob, Rasib and Sarfraz

1. Declarations of Interest

None received.

2. To Elect the Mayor for the 2019/20 Municipal Year

The Mayor called for nominations for the office of Mayor of the Borough of Slough for the ensuing municipal year. Councillor Swindlehurst proposed and Councillor Hussain seconded the nomination of Councillor Avtar Cheema.

The nomination was put to the vote which was agreed unanimously and the Chief Executive declared Councillor Avtar Cheema elected Mayor of the Borough of Slough for the 2019/20 municipal year. Councillor Avtar Cheema, having made and signed the requisite declaration of acceptance of office, was thereupon installed in the Chair.

Resolved - That Councillor Avtar Cheema be elected as Mayor of the Borough of Slough for the Municipal Year 2019/2020.

(The Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor Avtar Cheema, in the Chair)

3. To Elect the Deputy Mayor for the 2019/20 Municipal Year

The Mayor called for nominations to the office of Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Slough for the 2019/20 municipal year. Councillor Anderson proposed and Councillor M.Holledge seconded the nomination of Councillor Brooker.

The Mayor put the nomination to the vote which was agreed unanimously.

The Mayor declared Councillor Brooker elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Slough for the 2019/20 municipal year. Councillor Brooker made and signed the requisite declaration of acceptance of Office of Deputy Mayor.

Resolved - That Councillor Brooker be elected as Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Slough for the Municipal Year 2019/2020.

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4. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council held on 23rd April 2019

Resolved – That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 23rd April 2019 be approved as a correct record.

5. To receive the Mayor's Communications.

The Mayor welcomed newly elected and re-elected Members to the meeting and wished them well in fulfilling their duties.

Reverend Linda Hillier was thanked for her role as the Mayor's Chaplain for the past 10 years and the Mayor, on behalf of the Council, wished her well for the future.

Details of the Mayor's reception were still to be confirmed and would be sent once arrangements had been finalised.

6. Report of the Returning Officer - Local Election 2 May 2019

Details of the Election held on 2nd May 2019 were noted.

Resolved – That the report be noted.

7. Review of the Constitution - Recommendation of Audit and Corporate Governance (Constitution) and Cabinet (Policy on Maternity, Paternity and Adoption Leave for Members)

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

- a) "That the revisions to the Council's Constitution as set out in the report and Appendix A, be approved.
- b) That the Policy on Paternity, Maternity and Adoption Leave for Members, as set out in Appendix B, be approved.
- c) That Responsibility for Council Functions: Licensing Committee be amended to read as - (11 Members of the Authority) No Executive Member other than the Lead Members with responsibility for Licensing Functions. Not the Mayor."

The recommendations were put to the vote and agreed unanimously.

Resolved –

- a) That the revisions to the Council's Constitution as set out in the report and Appendix A, be approved.
- b) That the Policy on Paternity, Maternity and Adoption Leave for Members, as set out in Appendix B, be approved.

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- c) That Responsibility for Council Functions: Licensing Committee be amended to read as - (11 Members of the Authority) No Executive Member other than the Lead Members with responsibility for Licensing Functions. Not the Mayor.

8. Appointment of Committees and Allocation of Political Officer Support

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

- (a) "That Committees be appointed and seats thereon allocated to political groups in accordance with the rules of proportionality as set out in Appendix 1.
- (b) That appointments be made to Committees in accordance with the nominations received from political groups as set out in Appendix 2
- (c) That the report of the Leader on appointment of the Deputy Leader and Commissioners (the Cabinet) and their portfolios be received.
- (d) That the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees be appointed as set out in Appendix 2.
- (e) That the Labour Group be allocated 1 FT (37 hours) Political Officer Support and the Conservative Group be allocated 0.34 FTE (12 hours) Political Officer Support.
- (f) To note that, in accordance with Article 7 of the Constitution, the Leader holds office until 28th November 2021.
- (g) That appointments be made to quasi-judicial and other bodies as set out in Appendix 3."

The recommendations were put to the vote and agreed unanimously.

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Resolved -

- (a) That Committees be appointed and seats thereon allocated to political groups as set out in Appendix 1.
- (b) That appointments be made to Committees as attached at Appendix 2.
- (c) That the report of the Leader on appointment of the Cabinet be received as attached at Appendix 2.
- (d) That the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees be appointed as attached in Appendix 2.
- (e) That the Labour Group be allocated 1 FT (37 hours) Political Officer Support and the Conservative Group be allocated 0.34 FTE (12 hours) Political Officer Support.
- (f) To note that, in accordance with Article 7 of the Constitution, the Leader holds office until 28th November 2021.
- (g) That appointments be made to quasi-judicial and other bodies as set out in attached Appendix 3.

9. Appointments to Outside Bodies 2019/20

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

“That the appointments and nominations to the outside bodies as set out in Appendix 4, for the Municipal year 2019/20 be agreed.”

The recommendation was put to the vote and agreed unanimously.

Resolved - That the appointments and nominations to the outside bodies as set out in Appendix 4, for the Municipal year 2019/20 be agreed.

10. Localism Act 2011 - Dispensations

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

“That the grant of general dispensations, as set out in paragraph 5.1 of the report, be approved.”

The recommendation was put to the vote and agreed unanimously.

Resolved – That the general dispensations, as set out in paragraph 5.1 of the report be approved.