

# **NOTIFICATION OF DECISIONS**

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#### **SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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Slough Borough Council has a decision making process involving an Executive (Cabinet) and a Scrutiny Function.

As part of the process, the Council will publish a Notification of Decisions which sets out the decisions which the Cabinet intends to take over the following 3 months. The Notice includes both Key and non Key decisions. Key decisions are those which are financially significant or have a significant impact on 2 or more Wards in the Town. This Notice supersedes all previous editions.

Whilst the majority of the Cabinet's business at the meetings listed in this document will be open to the public and media organisations to attend, there will inevitably be some business to be considered that contains, for example, confidential, commercially sensitive or personal information.

This is formal notice under The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 that part of the Cabinet meetings listed in this Notice will/may be held in private because the agenda and reports for the meeting will contain exempt information under Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (as amended) and that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.

This document provides a summary of the reason why a matter is likely to be considered in private / Part II. The full reasons are listed alongside the report on the Council's website.

If you have any queries, or wish to make any representations in relation to the meeting being held in private for the consideration of the Part II items, please email <a href="mailto:nicholas.pontone@slough.gov.uk">nicholas.pontone@slough.gov.uk</a> (no later than 15 calendar days before the meeting date listed).

#### What will you find in the Notice?

For each decision, the plan will give:

- The subject of the report.
- Who will make the decision.
- The date on which or the period in which the decision will be made.
- Contact details of the officer preparing the report.
- A list of those documents considered in the preparation of the report (if not published elsewhere).
- The likelihood the report would contain confidential or exempt information.

#### What is a Key Decision?

An executive decision which is likely either:

- To result in the Council Incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the Council's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or
- To be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards within the borough.

#### Who will make the Decision?

Decisions set out in this Notice will be taken by the Cabinet, unless otherwise specified. All decisions (unless otherwise stated) included in this Notice will be taken on the basis of a written report and will be published on the Council's website before the meeting.

The members of the Cabinet are as follows:

Leader of the Council - Regeneration & Strategy
 Councillor Swindlehurst

Deputy Leader – Governance & Customer Services Councillor Akram

Sustainable Transport & Environmental Services Councillor Anderson

Inclusive Growth & Skills Councillor Bains

Planning & Regulation Councillor Mann

Housing & Community Safety Councillor Nazir

Health & Wellbeing Councillor Pantelic

Children & Schools Councillor Carter

#### Where can you find a copy of the Notification of Decisions?

The Plan will be updated and republished monthly. A copy can be obtained from Democratic Services at Observatory House, 25 Windsor Road on weekdays between 9.00 a.m. and 4.45 p.m., from MyCouncil, Landmark Place, High Street, or Tel: (01753) 875120, email: <a href="mailto:nicholas.pontone@slough.gov.uk">nicholas.pontone@slough.gov.uk</a>. Copies will be available in the Borough's libraries and a copy will be published on Slough Borough Council's Website.

#### How can you have your say on Cabinet reports?

Each Report has a contact officer. If you want to comment or make representations, notify the contact officer before the deadline given.

#### What about the Papers considered when the decision is made?

Reports relied on to make key decisions will be available before the meeting on the Council's website or are available from Democratic Services.

#### Can you attend the meeting at which the decision will be taken?

Where decisions are made by the Cabinet, the majority of these will be made in open meetings. Some decisions have to be taken in private, where they are exempt or confidential as detailed in the Local Government Act 1972. You will be able to attend the discussions on all other decisions.

#### When will the decision come into force?

Implementation of decisions will be delayed for 5 working days after Members are notified of the decisions to allow Members to refer the decisions to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, unless the decision is urgent, in which case it may be implemented immediately.

#### What about key decisions taken by officers?

Many of the Council's decisions are taken by officers under delegated authority. Key decisions will be listed with those to be taken by the Cabinet. Key and Significant Decisions taken under delegated authority are reported monthly and published on the Council's website.

#### Are there exceptions to the above arrangements?

There will be occasions when it will not be possible to include a decision/report in this Notice. If a key decision is not in this Notice but cannot be delayed until the next Notice is published, it can still be taken if:

- The Head of Democratic Services has informed the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee or relevant Scrutiny Panel in writing, of the proposed decision/action. (In the absence of the above, the Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be consulted);
- Copies of the Notice have been made available to the Public; and at least 5 working days have passed since public notice was given.
- If the decision is too urgent to comply with the above requirement, the agreement of the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been obtained that the decision cannot be reasonably deferred.
- If the decision needs to be taken in the private part of a meeting (Part II) and Notice of this has not been published, the Head of Democratic Services will seek permission from the Chair of Overview & Scrutiny, and publish a Notice setting out how representations can be made in relation to the intention to consider the matter in Part II of the agenda. Urgent Notices are published on the Council's <u>website</u>.

### Cabinet - 15th March 2021

Item	Port- folio	Ward	Priority	Contact Officer	Other Committee	Background Documents	New Item	Likely to be Part II
Slough Children's Services Trust Transition  To consider a report and take all necessary decisions on the proposed new model for Slough Children's Services Trust.	C&S	All	All	Eleni loannides, Interim Executive Director for Children	-	None		Yes, p3 LGA
Performance & Projects Report - Quarter 3 2020/21  To receive a report on the progress against the Council's balanced scorecard indicators and key projects for 2020/21.	G&C	All	All	Dean Tyler, Service Lead Strategy & Performance Tel: (01753) 875847	O&S	None		
Towards a Revised Youth Offer  To receive an update on the work underway to revise Slough's youth offer to provide support and advice to young people in the borough.	C&S	All	All	David Hounsell, Strategic Insight Manager	-	None	√	
Discretionary Housing Payments Policy  To consider the Council's Discretionary Housing Payment Policy for the forthcoming year, if any substantive changes to the current policy are required.	H&C	All	Housing	Neil Wilcox, Executive Director of Corporate Services (Section 151 Officer) Tel: 01753 875358	-	None	√	

Covid-19 Decisions Update  To update on the significant decisions taken by officers in response to the Covid-19 pandemic and to seek to ratify the executive decisions taken.	R&S	All	All	Nicholas Pontone, Senior Democratic Services Officer Tel: 01753 875120	-	None		
Contracts in Excess of £180,000 in 2020/21  If required, to consider any further requests to approve the commencement of tendering for any contracts in excess of £180,000 in 2020/21.	G&C	All	All	Nicholas Pontone, Senior Democratic Services Officer Tel: 01753 875120	-	None	<b>V</b>	
References from Overview & Scrutiny Committee  To consider any recommendations from the Overview & Scrutiny Committee and the Scrutiny Panels.	G&C	All	All	Thomas Overend, Policy Insight Manager	-	None		
Notification of Key Decisions  To endorse the published Notification of Decisions.	R&S	All	All	Nicholas Pontone, Senior Democratic Services Officer Tel: 01753 875120	-	None		

## Cabinet - 12th April 2021

Item	Port- folio	Ward	Priority	Contact Officer	Other Committee	Background Documents	New Item	Likely to be Part II
SUR Partnership Business Plan  To approve the Slough Urban Renewal Partnership Business Plan for 2021/22.	R&S	All	All	Stephen Gibson, Executive Director of Place Tel: 01753 875852	-	None		
CIF Annual Report & 2021/22 Cabinet Allocations  To receive an update on the outturn of the Community Investment Fund 2020/21 and consider any proposals for the Cabinet allocation for 2021/22.	G&C	All	All	Finbar McSweeney, Corporate Complaints Manager Tel: 01753 875244	-	None		
Equalities Update including Gender Pay Gap Report  To receive the annual equalities report and information on the Council's Gender Pay Gap for 2020/21.	I&S	All	All	Christine Ford, Equality and Diversity Manager Tel: 01753 875069	-	None	√	
Follow Up to Food Poverty Task & Finish Group Recommendations  Further to the Cabinet decision of 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2021, to receive a follow up report on the recommendations of the NCS Scrutiny Panel's Food Poverty Task & Finish Group.	G&C	All	All	Richard West, Executive Director of Customer & Community	-	Rec of O&S - Food Poverty, 12/10/2020 Cabinet	√	

Contracts in Excess of £180k  To approve the commencement of tendering for contracts in excess of £180,000 in 2021/22 and to note any exemptions to competitive tendering.	G&C	All	All	Nicholas Pontone, Senior Democratic Services Officer Tel: 01753 875120	-	None	
Covid-19 Decisions Update  To update on the significant decisions taken by officers in response to the Covid-19 pandemic and to seek to ratify the executive decisions taken.	R&S	All	All	Nicholas Pontone, Senior Democratic Services Officer Tel: 01753 875120	-	None	
References from Overview & Scrutiny  To consider any recommendations from the Overview & Scrutiny Committee and the Scrutiny Panels.	G&C	All	All	Thomas Overend, Policy Insight Manager	-		
Notification of Key Decisions  To endorse the published Notification of Decisions.	R&S	All	All	Nicholas Pontone, Senior Democratic Services Officer Tel: 01753 875120	-	None	