

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Council **DATE:** 27th April, 2021

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PART I
FOR DECISION

MOTIONS SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL UNDER PROCEDURE RULE 14

The following motions have been received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14:-

A) Green Housing

(Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Nazir)

“This council notes that existing homes are responsible for 20% of the UKs CO2e emissions with construction of new homes contributing a further 3% and 70% of homes remain at EPC ‘D’ or worse and that improving poor housing could save the NHS £1.4 billion a year and lift millions out of fuel poverty.

Council therefore resolves to write to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to call for the Government to:

- Recognise their Social Housing Decarbonisation fund of just £50m is woefully inadequate compared to the £1.8 billion of investment which is required annually and immediately extend this project to meet existing need
- Extend the Green Homes Grant at least for the next 18 months.
- Bring forward and extend the Public Sector Decarbonisation Fund for at least the next 18 months.
- Scale up the affordable homes programme, re-balancing it in favour of council and social rented homes and ensuring it enables meeting environmental and safety standards, to prevent the need for expensive retrofitting in the future.”

B) Bullying and Intimidation

(Moved by Councillor Bedi, seconded by Councillor Strutton)

“This Council acknowledges that:

- The Councillor Code of Conduct states that Members must treat each other with respect, and that Members must not conduct themselves in a manner which could reasonably be regarded as bringing the Council, into disrepute.
- There must be no place for bullying or intimidation in this local authority, and that examples of such behaviour in public meetings could risk breaching the Councillor Code of Conduct.
- Women in politics have been disproportionately impacted by social media abuse in recent years, potentially discouraging many women from standing for elected office.
- That labelling female politicians as “traitors” is inflammatory language.

This Council resolves to:

- Take a zero-tolerance approach to bullying or intimidation within the Council and supports the review of the Councillor Code of Conduct currently under way with a focus on investigating allegations of bullying or intimidation in a timely manner and supports imposing sanctions where appropriate.”

C) Heathrow Airport

(Moved by Councillor Strutton, seconded by Councillor Kelly)

“This Council acknowledges that since the start of the pandemic over 70,000 Slough residents have received support from the Government’s furlough scheme; over 7,000 Slough residents have applied for assistance from the Self-Employed Income Support Scheme and over 8,000 Slough residents have been in receipt of Universal Credit.

This Council therefore resolves to undertake a strategic review into this authority’s over-reliance on Heathrow Airport as an employment source; in doing so, seeking to shine a light on a long-term solution to the sustainable creation of jobs for Slough residents in the years, and decades to come.”