

MINUTES OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

At a Meeting of the Council for the Borough of Slough held at the Flexi Hall, The Centre, Farnham Road, Slough, SL1 4UT on Tuesday, 26th July, 2016 at 7.00 pm

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

Apologies for Absence:- Councillors Chahal, Mann, Rasib and Sadiq.

12. Declarations of Interest

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

13. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council held on 17th May 2016 and 6 June 2016

Resolved - That the Minutes of the Council meetings held on 17th May 2016 and 6th June 2016 be approved as a correct record.

14. To receive the Mayor's Communications.

The Mayor announced that the Civic Service would take place on Sunday, 2nd October at St Mary's Church, Slough commencing at 11.00am and invitation details would be sent out in due course.

Members were informed that local police officer DCI Nikki Pierce had been recognised nationally for her services. DCI Pierce had received the Officer of the Year Award as part of the National British Association for Women in Policing annual awards. Commissioner for Regulation and Consumer Protection, Councillor Sohal, commended DCI Pierce for her outstanding performance, community engagement and leadership over the years.

15. Questions from Electors under Procedure Rule 9.

The Mayor advised that a question had been received from a resident, a copy of which had been tabled. The questioner was in attendance and following a response to his question, asked a supplementary question. A copy of the question and reply would be forwarded to the questioner. It was agreed that parking options at The Curve would be explored and forwarded to the Commissioner for Housing and Urban Renewal.

16. Recommendations of the Cabinet from its meetings held on 27th June 2016 and 18 July 2016

'A' - Old Library Site Development Options

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

“That the Council develops two hotels and a restaurant on the Old Library site, at an estimated cost of £30.5m (borrowing cost £55m) for the hotels and £1.7m (borrowing cost £3m) for the restaurant.”

The recommendation was put to the vote and carried by 30 votes to 4 votes with 2 abstentions.

(Councillor Brooker was not present in the meeting at the time when the vote was taken)

Resolved – That the Council develops two hotels and a restaurant on the Old Library site, at an estimated cost of £30.5m (borrowing cost £55m) for the hotels and £1.7m (borrowing cost £3m) for the restaurant.

'B' - Statutory Service Plans

It was moved by Councillor Sohal,
Seconded by Councillor Munawar,

“That the Statutory Service Plans in relation to the Food Safety, Health & Safety and Trading Standards Services be endorsed.”

The recommendation was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

Resolved – That the Statutory Service Plans in relation to the Food Safety, Health & Safety and Trading Standards Services be endorsed.

17. Appointment of Section 151 Officer

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

“That Stephen Fitzgerald, the interim Assistant Director of Finance and Audit, be confirmed as the Council’s Section 151 Officer with effect from the 11th July 2016.”

The recommendation was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

Resolved - That Stephen Fitzgerald, the interim Assistant Director of Finance and Audit, be confirmed as the Council’s Section 151 Officer with effect from the 11th July 2016.

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18. Appointments to Corporate Parenting Panel and Outside Bodies

It was moved by Councillor Munawar, as an amendment,
Seconded by Councillor Hussain,

- “(a) That the terms of reference for the Corporate Parenting Panel be amended to exclude the Chair of the Education and Children’s Services Scrutiny Panel and the Council’s representatives on the Slough Children’s Services Trust Board from sitting on the Corporate Parenting Panel.
- (b) That Councillors Bedi and Carter be appointed to the Corporate Parenting Panel.
- (c) That Councillors Ajaib, Munawar and A.Sandhu be nominated to the Board of Development Initiative Slough Housing Ltd (DISH)
- (d) That Councillor Pantelic be appointed to Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust and Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust for the municipal year 2016/17.”

The recommendations were put to the vote and carried unanimously.

(Councillor Anderson was not present in the meeting at the time when the vote was taken)

Resolved –

- (a) That the terms of reference for the Corporate Parenting Panel be amended to exclude the Chair of the Education and Children’s Services Scrutiny Panel and the Council’s representatives on the Slough Children’s Services Trust Board from sitting on the Corporate Parenting Panel.
- (b) That Councillors Bedi and Carter be appointed to the Corporate Parenting Panel.
- (c) That Councillors Ajaib, Munawar and A.Sandhu be nominated to the Board of Development Initiative Slough Housing Ltd (DISH)
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19. To consider Motions submitted under procedure Rule 14.

Safer Slough Partnership

It was moved by Councillor Bains,
Seconded by Councillor Amarpreet Dhaliwal,

“This Council resolves to work with Thames Valley Police through the Safer Slough Partnership to prioritise its response to counter the increase in serious

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sex crimes around the town and to reduce the fear of sexual assault across the Borough.”

The motion was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

Resolved – That this Council work with Thames Valley Police through the Safer Slough Partnership to prioritise its response to counter the increase in serious sex crimes around the town and to reduce the fear of sexual assault across the Borough.

20. To note Questions from Members under Procedure Rule 10 (as tabled).

None.

Chair

(Note: The Meeting opened at 7.00 pm and closed at 8.03 pm)