

## MINUTES OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

At a Meeting of the Council for the Borough of Slough held at The Curve - William Street, Slough, Berkshire, SL1 1XY on Thursday, 28th September, 2017 at 7.00 pm

**Present:-** The Worshipful the Mayor (Shah), in the chair; Councillors Ajaib, Anderson, Bains, Bal (until 9.09pm), Bedi (until 8.20pm), Brooker, Carter, Chaudhry, Cheema, Chohan (from 7.06pm), Coad, Dar, Davis, Amarpreet Dhaliwal, Arvind Dhaliwal, N Holledge, Hussain, Kelly, Mann, Matloob, Munawar, Nazir, Pantelic, Parmar, Plenty, Qaseem, Rasib (until 9.10pm), A Sandhu, R Sandhu, Sarfraz, Sharif (until 9.09pm), Smith, Sohal, Strutton, Swindlehurst, Usmani and Wright.

**Apologies for Absence:-** Councillors Chahal, M Holledge, Rana and Sadiq.

### 20. Declarations of Interest

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

Councillor Munawar declared that his son worked for arvato.

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

Agenda Item 5 Voter ID Electoral Pilot: Councillors Anderson, Davis, Mann, Pantelic, Plenty and Swindlehurst stated that the Labour Group Political Whip had been applied for this item. The Councillors stated that although they would take part in the debate for this item, they would leave the meeting prior to the vote being taken.

### 21. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council held on 25th July 2017

**Resolved** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017 be approved as a correct record.

*(Councillor Chohan joined the meeting)*

### 22. Order of Business

It was moved by Councillor Strutton,  
Seconded by Councillor Wright,

“That under Council Procedure Rule 4.1, Regulation 2.3, the order of business be varied, so that Agenda Item 5 - Voter ID Electoral Pilot – be considered after all other business has been transacted.”

The proposal was put to the vote with 8 votes for, 26 against and 4 abstentions.

The proposal was lost.

**23. To receive the Mayor's Communications.**

Members were reminded that the Annual Civic Service would be held at St Mary's Church, Church Street, Slough on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> October commencing at 11.00am. The Mayor announced that harvest contributions would be distributed to SHOC and Slough Foodbank.

It was noted that the Armistice Day two-minute silence would be on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> November at 11.00am followed by the Remembrance Sunday Services on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017 and further details of the events would be announced shortly.

The Mayor informed Members that former Mayor Chrissy Small had been very unwell and was currently at the Royal Free Hospital. On behalf of the Council, the Mayor sent best wishes to Chrissy Small for a full and speedy recovery.

**24. Questions from Electors under Procedure Rule 9.**

The Mayor advised that four questions had been received from residents, copies of which had been tabled. Three electors were in attendance and asked supplementary questions following the response to their original question. Copies of the questions and replies would be forwarded to the questioners.

**25. Voter ID Electoral Pilot**

It was moved by Councillor Munawar, as a motion,  
Seconded by Councillor Hussain,

"The Council notes the report and requests that the Returning Officer inform the Cabinet Office that Slough Borough Council wishes to withdraw from the current Voter ID Pilots."

*(Councillors Anderson, Chohan, Davis, Pantelic, Plenty, Mann and Swindlehurst left the meeting prior to the vote being taken)*

A prior request having been made for the record of the voting:

There voted for the motion:

Councillors Ajaib, Bal, Bedi, Brooker, Chaudhry, Cheema, Dar, Arvind Dhaliwal, Hussain, Matloob, Munawar, Nazir, Parmar, Qaseem, Rasib, A.Sandhu, Sarfraz, Sharif, Sohal and Usmani..... 20

There voted against the motion:

Councillors Bains, Carter, Coad, Amarpreet Dhaliwal, N.Holledge, Kelly, R.Sandhu, Smith, Strutton and Wright..... 10

Not present when the vote was taken:

Councillors Anderson, Chohan, Davis, Pantelic, Plenty, Mann and Swindlehurst..... 7

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There abstained from voting, The Worshipful The Mayor..... 1

**Resolved** - The Council notes the report and requests that the Returning Officer inform the Cabinet Office that Slough Borough Council wishes to withdraw from the current Voter ID Pilots.

**26. Senior Management Restructuring - Appointment to Statutory Roles of Director of Adults and Communities and Director of Finance and Resources (S151 Officer)**

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

“ (a) That the appointment of Alan Sinclair to the statutory role of Director of Adults and Communities be approved and confirmed with effect from 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017.

(b) That the appointment of Neil Wilcox to statutory role of Director of Finance and Resources (Section 151 Officer) be approved and confirmed with effect from 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017.

(c) That the appointment of Joe Carter as Director of Regeneration with effect from 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017 be noted.

(d) To note that the vacant post of Director of Place and Development is currently being recruited to.”

The recommendations were put to the vote and carried unanimously.

**Resolved-**

(a) That the appointment of Alan Sinclair to the statutory role of Director of Adults and Communities be approved and confirmed with effect from 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017.

(b) That the appointment of Neil Wilcox to statutory role of Director of Finance and Resources (Section 151 Officer) be approved and confirmed with effect from 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017.

(c) That the appointment of Joe Carter as Director of Regeneration with effect from 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017 be noted.

(d) To note that the vacant post of Director of Place and Development is currently being recruited to.

*(Councillor Bedi left the meeting)*

**27. To consider Motions submitted under procedure Rule 14.**

**Motion A – Redundancy/Severance Packages**

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

“This Council resolves that all redundancy/ severance packages of £60,000 or more will be approved by Full Council.”

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

“This Council resolves that all redundancy/ severance packages of ~~£60,000 or more~~ **over and above an individuals’ statutory/contractual entitlement** will be approved by Full Council.”

The amendment was put to the vote and unanimously agreed.

The amended motion became the substantive motion and was put to the vote and unanimously agreed.

**Resolved** - That all redundancy/severance packages over and above an individuals’ statutory/contractual entitlement will be approved by Full Council.

### **Motion B - Universal Credit**

It was moved by Councillor Brooker,  
Seconded by Councillor Sharif,

“This Council calls on the Government to pause the full implementation of Universal Credit until our concerns about Slough families being pushed into a spiral of debt are addressed.

This Council therefore resolves to write to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions calling for an immediate pause to the full roll out of Universal Credit.”

The motion was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

**Resolved** - This Council calls on the Government to pause the full implementation of Universal Credit until our concerns about Slough families being pushed into a spiral of debt are addressed and therefore write to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions calling for an immediate pause to the full roll out of Universal Credit.

*(Councillors Bal, Sharif and Rasib left the meeting)*

## **28. To note Questions from Members under Procedure Rule 10 (as tabled).**

Copies of two questions received from Councillor Plenty, together with the replies, were tabled.

Chair

(Note: The Meeting opened at 7.00 pm and closed at 9.11 pm)