

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Extraordinary Council

DATE: 19th December 2011

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PART I
FOR DECISION

FIVE MEMBER REQUISITION – CHILDREN’S SERVICES

The following requisition was received by the Mayor on 28th November, 2011.

‘Requisition for an Extraordinary Council Meeting

Dear Madam Mayor,

We, the undersigned Councillors request that you convene an Extraordinary Meeting of Council to discuss, and make recommendations to the Cabinet with regards to the Children’s Services department and its current leadership.

Slough Children’s Services annual Ofsted inspection yet again ruled the department’s safeguarding procedures to be “inadequate”, despite the Administration’s assurances after the June inspection that things would improve.

With Juliet Winstanley, Ofsted’s divisional manager, quoted in the Slough Express as stating that in Slough Borough Council there are “major weaknesses in leadership and management, performance management, and quality assurance”, we believe that it is now time serious questions were asked with regards to the Department’s leadership and oversight, particularly with reference to the relevant Commissioner’.

Signed....

Cllr Haines

Cllr Plimmer

Cllr Buchanan

Cllr S Wright

Cllr Stokes