

## MINUTES OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

At the adjourned Annual Meeting of the Council for the Borough of Slough held at the Flexi Hall, The Centre, Farnham Road, Slough, SL1 4UT on Monday, 6th June, 2016 at 7.45 pm

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

**Apologies for Absence:-** Councillors Nazir, Pantelic and Sohal.

### 7. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Bal declared that a member of his family was employed by Slough Borough Council.

Councillor Morris declared that he was a Council tenant.

Councillor Arvind Dhaliwal declared that his son was a Borough Councillor.

Councillor Amarpreet Dhaliwal declared that his father was a Borough Councillor and the current Mayor.

### 8. Report of the Returning Officer-Borough Election 5th May, 2016

Details of the May 2015 Borough election results were noted.

**Resolved** – That the report be noted.

### 9. Review of Constitution

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

- “(a) That the grant of general dispensations, as set out in paragraph 6.1 of the report, be approved;
- (b) That the Monitoring officer be authorised to make any consequent changes to the Code of Conduct to reflect the Council’s decision;
- (c) That the amendments to the Member Call-In process, as set out in paragraph 6.2 of the report, be approved;

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- (d) That the amendments to the petition scheme, as set out in paragraph 6.3 of the report, be approved;
- (e) That the amendment to the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules regarding member questions, as set out in paragraph 6.4 of the report, be approved;
- (f) That the amended Financial Procedure Rules, as set out in paragraph 6.5 of the report, be approved;
- (g) That the amendments to the Council's protocol for filming meetings, as set out in paragraph 6.6 of the report, be approved;
- (h) That the updated Corporate Parenting Panel Terms of Reference, as set out in paragraph 6.7 of the report, be approved;
- (i) That the Head of Democratic Services be authorised to amend the current published Constitution to reflect Council Structures, legislative requirements and other administrative amendments as necessary".

The recommendations were put to the vote and carried unanimously.

### **Resolved -**

- (a) That the grant of general dispensations, as set out in paragraph 6.1 of the report, be approved;
- (b) That the Monitoring officer be authorised to make any consequent changes to the Code of Conduct to reflect the Council's decision;
- (c) That the amendments to the Member Call-In process, as set out in paragraph 6.2 of the report, be approved;
- (d) That the amendments to the petition scheme, as set out in paragraph 6.3 of the report, be approved;
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- (h) That the updated Corporate Parenting Panel Terms of Reference, as set out in paragraph 6.7 of the report, be approved;
- (i) That the Head of Democratic Services be authorised to amend the current published Constitution to reflect Council Structures, legislative requirements.

**10. Appointments of Committees and Allocation of Political Officer Support**

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

- “(a) That Committees be appointed and seats thereon allocated to political groups in accordance with the rules of proportionality as set out in the supplementary report.
- (b) That appointments be made to Committees as set out in Appendix 1.
- (c) That the report of the Leader on appointment of the Cabinet as set out in Appendix 1 be received.
- (d) That the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees be appointed as set out in Appendix 1.
- (e) That 1 FTE Political Group Officer be allocated to the Controlling Group and that 0.5 FTE be allocated to the Conservative Group.
- (f) That appointments be made to quasi-judicial and other bodies as set out in Appendix 2.”

The recommendations were put to the vote and carried unanimously.

**Resolved -**

- (a) That Committees be appointed and seats thereon allocated to political groups in accordance with the rules of proportionality as set out in the supplementary report.
- (b) That appointments be made to Committees as set out in Appendix 1 (attached).
- (c) That the report of the Leader on appointment of the Cabinet as set out in Appendix 1 be received (attached).
- (d) That the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees be appointed as set out in Appendix 1 (attached).
- (e) That 1 FTE Political Group Officer be allocated to the Controlling Group and that 0.5 FTE be allocated to the Conservative Group.
- (f) That appointments be made to quasi-judicial and other bodies as set out in Appendix 3 (attached).

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Munawar, stated that consideration would be given to Councillor Coad’s request that she be allocated a seat on the Council’s Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

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**11. Appointments to Outside Bodies 2016/17**

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

“That appointments be made to the Outside Bodies set out in Appendices A and B, for the Municipal year 2016/17”.

Clarification was sought regarding the term of office for appointments made to the Development Initiative for Slough Housing (DISH). It was suggested that appointments to DISH to currently remain unchanged from the municipal year 2015/16 and that the matter be reported to the next Council meeting if required.

The recommendations were put to the vote and carried unanimously.

**Resolved** - That appointments to Outside Bodies for the 2016/17 municipal year be as set out in Appendix 3 attached.

Chair

(Note: The Meeting opened at 7.45 pm and closed at 8.11 pm)