

MINUTES OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

At the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council for the Borough of Slough held at The Curve - William Street, Slough, Berkshire, SL1 1XY on Thursday, 23rd February, 2017 at 7.00 pm

Present:- The Worshipful the Mayor (Arvind Dhaliwal), in the chair; Councillors Ajaib, Bains, Bal, Bedi (from 7.15pm), Brooker, Carter, Chahal, Chaudhry, Chohan, Dar, Davis, Amarpreet Dhaliwal, M Holledge, N Holledge, Hussain, Matloob, Munawar, Nazir, Pantelic, Parmar, Plenty, Qaseem, Rana, Sadiq, A Sandhu, R Sandhu, Sarfraz, Shah, Sharif, Smith, Sohal, Strutton, Swindlehurst (from 7.08pm), Usmani and Wright

Apologies for Absence:- Councillors Anderson, Cheema, Coad, Mann and Rasib

62. Declarations of Interest

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

63. Mayor's Announcement

The Mayor announced, with great sadness, that Councillor Morris had passed away earlier that morning. Although Councillor Morris had been unwell in recent weeks, this was very unexpected and sad news. The Mayor stated that Councillor Morris was a dedicated and committed Councillor and on behalf of the Council conveyed condolences to his family and friends.

A number of Members paid tribute to Councillor Morris, following which a minute silence was held in memory of Councillor Morris.

64. Revenue Budget 2017/18

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

- “(a) That in pursuance of the powers conferred on the Council as the billing authority for its area by the Local Government Finance Acts (the Acts), the Council Tax for the Slough area for the year ending 31 March 2018 is as specified below and that the Council Tax be levied accordingly.
- (b) That it be noted that at its meeting on 19 December 2016 Cabinet calculated the following Tax Base amounts for the financial year 2017/18 in accordance with Regulations made under sections 31B (3) and 34(4) of the Act:
 - (i) 41,174.7 being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities

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(Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 2012 (the Regulations) as the Council Tax Base for the whole of the Slough area for the year 2017/18; and

(ii) The sums below being the amounts of Council Tax Base for the Parishes within Slough for 2017/18:

a)	Parish of Britwell	840.7
b)	Parish of Colnbrook with Poyle	1,866.4
c)	Parish of Wexham	1,329.6

(c) That the following amounts be now calculated for the year 2017/18 in accordance with sections 31A to 36 of the Act:

(i) £385,640,524 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in section 31A (2)(a) to (f) of the Act.(Gross Expenditure);

(ii) £332,938,555 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in section 31A (3) (a) to (d) of the Act.(Gross Income);

(iii) £52,701,969 being the amount by which the aggregate at paragraph c (i) above exceeds the aggregate at paragraph c (ii) above calculated by the Council as its council tax requirement for the year as set out in section 31A(4) of the Act. (Council Tax Requirement);

(iv) £1,279.96 being the amount at paragraph c(iii) above divided by the amount at paragraph b(i) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with section 31B(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year, including the requirements for Parish precepts.

(v) That for the year 2017/18 the Council determines in accordance with section 34 (1) of the Act, Total Special Items of £223,349 representing the total of Parish Precepts for that year.

(vi) £1,274.54 being the amount at paragraph c (iv) above less the result given by dividing the amount at paragraph c (v) above by the relevant amounts at paragraph b (i) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with section 34 (2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates.

(vii) Valuation Bands

Band	Slough Area	Parish of Britwell	Parish of Colnbrook with Poyle	Parish of Wexham Court
	£	£	£	£
A	849.69	44.06	32.93	24.48

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B	991.31	51.41	38.42	28.56
C	1,132.92	58.75	43.91	32.64
D	1,274.54	66.10	49.40	36.72
E	1,557.77	80.79	60.38	44.89
F	1,841.00	95.47	71.36	53.05
G	2,124.23	110.16	82.33	61.21
H	2,549.08	132.19	98.80	73.45

Being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at paragraph c (iv) and c (vi) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in section 5 (1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with section 36 (1) of the Act, as the amount to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

- (viii) That it be noted that for the year 2017/18 the Thames Valley Police Authority precept has been increased by 1.99%. The following amounts are stated in accordance with section 40 of the Act, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Band	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for Thames Valley £
A	113.52
B	132.44
C	151.36
D	170.28
E	208.12
F	245.96
G	283.80
H	340.56

- (ix) That it be noted that for the year 2017/18 the Royal Berkshire Fire Authority has been increased by 1.99% as the following amount in precept issued to the Council, in accordance with section 40 of the Act, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Band	Royal Berkshire Fire Authority £
A	41.66
B	48.60
C	55.55
D	62.49
E	76.37
F	90.26
G	104.15

H	124.98
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These precepts have not been formally proposed or agreed by the Royal Berkshire Fire Authority and may be revised when agreed.

- (x) Note that arising from these recommendations, and assuming the major precepts are agreed, the overall Council Tax for Slough Borough Council including the precepting authorities will be as follows:

Band	Slough	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for Thames Valley	Royal Berkshire Fire Authority	TOTAL
	£	£	£	£
A	849.69	113.52	41.66	1,004.87
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E	1,557.77	208.12	76.37	1,842.26
F	1,841.00	245.96	90.26	2,177.22
G	2,124.23	283.80	104.15	2,512.18
H	2,549.08	340.56	124.98	3,014.62

- (xi) That the Section 151 Officer be and is hereby authorised to give due notice of the said Council Tax in the manner provided by Section 38(2) of the 2012 Act.
- (xii) That the Section 151 Officer be and is hereby authorised when necessary to apply for a summons against any Council Tax payer or non-domestic ratepayer on whom an account for the said tax or rate and arrears has been duly served and who has failed to pay the amounts due to take all subsequent necessary action to recover them promptly.
- (xiii) That the Section 151 Officer be authorised to collect (and disperse from the relevant accounts) the Council Tax and National Non-Domestic Rate and that whenever the office of the Section 151 Officer is vacant or the holder thereof is for any reason unable to act, the Chief Executive or such other authorised post-holder be authorised to act as before said in his or her stead.
- (xiv) Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2017/18 (excluding Parish precepts) is £52,478,620.
- (xv) That in the event that there are any changes to the provisional precept of the Royal Berkshire Fire Authority

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arising from their precept setting meeting being held on 27 February 2017, the Section 151 Officer be given delegated authority to enact all relevant changes to the Revenue Budget 2017/18, Statutory Resolution and council tax levels, following consultation with the Leader of the Council and Leader of the Opposition Group.

Fees and Charges –

- (e) That the Council resolves to increase Fees and charges as outlined in Appendix F for 2017/18.

Pay Policy –

- (f) That the Pay Policy outlined in Appendix M be noted for Council approval:

Local Government Finance Settlement 2017/18 -

- (g) It must be noted that the government has delayed its debate on the Local Government Finance Settlement 2017/18 until after this report is published. Consequently, it is agreed that if there is any substantial changes in the amount of funding received by the Council at the final settlement, the Section 151 Officer will be authorised to use the Council’s reserves to balance the overall budget for 2017/18.
- (h) That details contained within appendices A to M, as attached to the report, be noted.
- (i) That the tabled documents setting out the Leadership’s priorities for the Revenue Budget 2017/18 be noted.”

No amendments were put.

The recommendation was put and carried and in accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 a record of the vote was taken as follows:-

There voted for the recommendations:-

Councillors Ajaib, Bal, Bedi, Brooker, Carter, Chaudhry, Chohan, Dar, Davis, M Holledge, N Holledge, Hussain, Matloob, Munawar, Nazir, Pantelic, Parmar, Plenty, Qaseem, Rana, Sadiq, A.Sandhu, Sarfraz, Shah, Sharif, Sohal, Swindlehurst and Usmani 28

There voted against the recommendations:

Councillors Bains, Chahal, Amarpreet Dhaliwal, R S Sandhu, Smith, Strutton and Wright 7

There abstained from voting:

The Worshipful The Mayor, Councillor Arvind Dhaliwal 1

Resolved –

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- (i) That the tabled documents setting out the Leadership's priorities for the Revenue Budget 2017/18 be noted.

65. Treasury Management Strategy 2017/18

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

“That the Treasury Management Strategy 2017/18, as at Appendix A to the report, be approved.”

The recommendation was put and carried and in accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 a record of the vote was taken as follows:-

There voted for the recommendation:-

Councillors Ajaib, Bains, Bal, Bedi, Brooker, Carter, Chahal, Chaudhry, Chohan, Dar, Davis, Amarpreet Dhaliwal, M Holledge, N Holledge, Hussain, Matloob, Munawar, Nazir, Pantelic, Parmar, Plenty, Qaseem, Rana, Sadiq, A.Sandhu, R S Sandhu, Sarfraz, Shah, Sharif, Smith, Sohal, Strutton, Swindlehurst, Usmani and Wright 35

There abstained from voting:

The Worshipful The Mayor, Councillor Arvind Dhaliwal 1

Resolved - That the Treasury Management Strategy 2017/18, as at Appendix A to the report, be approved.

66. Capital Strategy 2017/23

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

“(a) That the capital strategy of **£300m** and the Minimum Revenue Provision be approved.

(b) That the Council notes the notional costs of borrowing for the capital programme to the revenue budget will be an increase of up to **£4.2m** per annum commencing during the period of the capital strategy to fund borrowing.

(c) That the principles underpinning the capital programme in paragraph 5.1.2 and the Minimum Revenue Provision principles in section 6 be approved.

(d) That appendices A and B detailing the capital programmes (subject to these having approved Final Business Cases by the Capital Strategy Board) be approved.”

The recommendation was put and carried and in accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 a record of the vote was taken as follows:-

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There voted for the recommendations:-

Councillors Ajaib, Bal, Bedi, Brooker, Carter, Chaudhry, Chohan, Dar, Davis, M Holledge, N Holledge, Hussain, Matloob, Munawar, Nazir, Pantelic, Parmar, Plenty, Qaseem, Rana, Sadiq, A.Sandhu, Sarfraz, Shah, Sharif, Sohal, Swindlehurst and Usmani28

There voted against the proposal:

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There abstained from voting:

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67. Appointment of Directors

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

- “(a) That the appointment of Alan Sinclair to the statutory role of Director of Adult Social Care be approved and confirmed.
- (b) That the appointment of Cate Duffy to the statutory role of Director of Children, Learning and Skills be approved and confirmed.”

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 Adult Social Care be approved and confirmed.

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- (b) That the appointment of Cate Duffy to the statutory role of Director of Children, Learning and Skills be approved and confirmed.

68. Calendar of Meetings 2017/18

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

- “(a) That the calendar of meetings for the period May 2017 to December 2018 attached as Appendix A be approved.
- (b) That the Head of Democratic Services be authorised to make amendments to the calendar resulting from any constitutional changes that may be agreed, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.”

The recommendations were put to the vote and carried unanimously.

Resolved -

- (a) That the calendar of meetings for the period May 2017 to December 2018 attached as Appendix A be approved.
- (b) That the Head of Democratic Services be authorised to make amendments to the calendar resulting from any constitutional changes that may be agreed, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

Chair

(Note: The Meeting opened at 7.00 pm and closed at 7.27 pm)