

MINUTES OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

At a Meeting of the Annual Council for the Borough of Slough held at the Council Chamber - Observatory House, 25 Windsor Road, SL1 2EL on Thursday, 19th May, 2022 at 7.00 pm

Present:- The Worshipful the Mayor (Nazir), in the chair; Councillors Akbar, Akram, Ali, Bains, Basra, M. Bedi, P. Bedi, Begum, Brooker, Carter, Cheema, Dar, Gahir, Gill, Grewal, Hulme, Hussain, Kaur, Kelly, M. Malik, S. Malik, Mann, Matloob, Mohammad, Muvvala, Pantelic, D. Parmar, S. Parmar, Qaseem, Sabah, Sandhu, Smith, Strutton, Swindlehurst and Wright

Apologies for Absence:- Councillors Ajaib, Anderson, R. Davis and Minhas

1. Declarations of Interest

None received.

2. To Elect the Mayor for the 2022/23 Municipal Year

The Mayor called for nominations for the office of Mayor of the Borough of Slough for the ensuing municipal year.

Councillor Swindlehurst proposed and Councillor Pantelic seconded the nomination of Councillor Dilbagh Parmar.

The nomination was put to the vote and agreed unanimously.

The Chief Executive declared Councillor Dilbagh Parmar elected Mayor of the Borough of Slough for the 2022/23 municipal year. Councillor Dilbagh Parmar, having made and signed the requisite declaration of acceptance of office, was thereupon installed in the Chair.

(The Worshipful The Mayor, Councillor Dilbagh Parmar, in the Chair)

Resolved – That Councillor Dilbagh Parmar be elected as Mayor for the Municipal Year 2022/23.

3. To Elect the Deputy Mayor for the 2022/23 Municipal Year

The Mayor called for nominations for the office of Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Slough for the ensuing municipal year.

Councillor Akram proposed and Councillor Gahir seconded the nomination of Councillor Dar.

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

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There voted for the nomination:

Councillors Akbar, Akram, Ali, Bains, Basra, Begum, Brooker, Carter, Cheema, Dar, Gahir, Gill, Grewal, Hulme, Hussain, Kaur, M.Malik, S.Malik, Mann, Matloob, Mohammad, Nazir, Pantelic, S.Parmar, Qaseem, Sabah, Sandhu and Swindlehurst 28

There voted against the nomination:

Councillors M.Bedi, P.Bedi, Kelly, Muvvala, Smith, Strutton and Wright ... 7

There abstained from voting:

The Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor D.Parmar 1

(Councillors M.Bedi, P.Bedi, Kelly, Muvvala, Smith, Strutton and Wright left the meeting)

The Chief Executive declared Councillor Dar elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Slough for the 2022/23 municipal year. Councillor Dar, having made and signed the requisite declaration of acceptance of office, was thereupon installed in the Chair.

Resolved – That Councillor Dar be elected as Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2022/23.

(Councillors M.Bedi, P.Bedi, Kelly, Muvvala, Smith, Strutton and Wright returned to the meeting)

4. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council held on 26th April 2022

Resolved - That the minutes of the meeting held on 26th April 2022 be approved as a correct record.

5. To receive the Mayor's Communications.

The Mayor thanked Cllr Mohammed Nazir for being the First Citizen of Slough 2021/22 and hoped that he had enjoyed the varied engagements during his Mayoral year.

The Mayor welcomed new and existing Members to the meeting following the recent local election.

Members were informed that the Council was hosting a Platinum Jubilee event on Thursday 2nd June at Arbour Park and further details could be obtained from the Mayor's Executive Assistant.

It was confirmed that Father Darcy Chesterfield-Terry had agreed to continue as the Mayor's Chaplain for 2022/23.

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6. Recommendations of the Cabinet from its meeting held on 17th May 2022

Financial Action Plan Update

It was moved by Councillor Swindlehurst,
Seconded by Councillor Mann,

“Council is requested to note the wide range of progress in 2021-22 as highlighted in Appendix 1 and the proposed financial management objectives in 2022/23.”

The recommendation was put to the vote and agreed unanimously.

Resolved - That the wide range of progress in 2021-22 as highlighted in Appendix 1 to the report and the proposed financial management objectives in 2022/23 be noted.

7. Slough Borough Council Corporate Plan 2022-2025 (Improvement & Recovery Plan)

It was moved by Councillor Swindlehurst,
Seconded by Councillor Mann,

“That the new Corporate Plan, which lays out the council’s new strategic priorities and approach to improvement and recovery be approved.”

The recommendation was put to the vote and agreed unanimously.

Resolved - That the new Corporate Plan, which lays out the council’s new strategic priorities and approach to improvement and recovery, be approved.

8. Audit and Corporate Governance Committee Annual Report 2021/22

It was moved by Councillor Sabah,
Seconded by Councillor Akram,

“That the Audit and Corporate Governance Committee Annual Report 2021/22 be endorsed.”

The recommendation was put to the vote and agreed unanimously.

Resolved - That the Audit and Corporate Governance Committee Annual Report 2021/22 be endorsed.

9. Appointment of Monitoring Officer

It was moved by Councillor Swindlehurst,
Seconded by Councillor Mann,

“The Council is recommended to note:

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- (a) that Sarah Wilson is designated as the Council's Interim Monitoring Officer with effect from 23rd May 2022 by decision of the DLUHC Commissioners.

The Council is recommended to resolve:

- (b) That Article 12 of the Constitution be updated to reflect this designation."

The recommendations were put to the vote and agreed unanimously.

Resolved -

- (a) The Council notes that Sarah Wilson be designated as the Council's Interim Monitoring Officer with effect from 23rd May 2022 by decision of the DLUHC Commissioners.
- (b) That Article 12 of the Constitution be updated to reflect this designation.

10. Report of the Returning Officer - Local Election 5th May 2022

Details of the election held on 5th May 2022 were noted.

11. Appointments of Committees, Sub-Committees and Allocation of Political Officer Support

Appointments to Committees

It was moved by Councillor Swindlehurst,
Seconded by Councillor Mann,

- (a) "That Committees/ Sub-Committees and other bodies be appointed and seats thereon allocated to political groups in accordance with the rules of proportionality where applicable as per Appendix 1
- (b) That appointments be made to Committees, Sub-Committees and other bodies in accordance with the nominations received from political groups as per Appendix 2
- (c) That the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the above bodies be appointed as per Appendix 2
- (d) That the report of the Leader on appointment of the Deputy Leader and Lead Members (the Cabinet) and their portfolios be received as per Appendix 2
- (e) That Political Group Officer support to Political Groups is agreed for the 2022/23 municipal year as 37 hours/week for the Labour Group and 12 hours/week for the Conservative Group.

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- (f) To note the dates for Full Council meetings in the 2022/23 municipal year, as previously agreed by Council on 26 April 2022.
- (g) That Mr Ray Tomkinson be appointed as the Council's Independent Person with effect from 19th May 2022 until the annual meeting of the council in May 2026.
- (h) That Mrs Naira Bukhari and Ms Stefana Moldovan be appointed as co-opted members to the Audit and Corporate Governance Committee with effect from 19th May 2022 until the annual meeting of the council in May 2026; subject to a review in May 2023 to ensure that both the council and co-opted members are satisfied to continue with the appointments."

It was moved by Councillor Smith, as an amendment,
Seconded by Councillor Kelly,

"That Councillor Strutton be appointed as the Vice-Chair to the Trustee Committee."

The amendment was put to the vote and lost, with 7 votes for, 27 against and 2 abstentions.

The original recommendations were put to the vote and agreed unanimously.

Resolved -

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12. Appointments to Outside Bodies 2022/23

It was moved by Councillor Swindlehurst,
Seconded by Councillor Mann,

“That the appointments and nominations to the outside bodies set out in Appendices A and B, for the Municipal year 2022/23, be agreed.”

The recommendation was put to the vote and agreed unanimously.

Resolved -That the appointments to the outside bodies as set out in Appendices A and B to the report, for the municipal year 2022/23, be agreed.

Chair

(Note: The Meeting opened at 7.00pm and closed at 8.52pm)