

SIGNIFICANT OFFICER DECISIONS

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BACKGROUND

About this document

Slough Borough Council has a decision making process involving an Executive (Cabinet) and a Scrutiny Function. Part 3 of the Council's Constitution sets out the Responsibility for Functions and Scheme of Officer Delegation. This document lists the decisions taken by officers under this scheme during the period stated.

Distribution

The schedule is circulated monthly to all Members and published on the website. This document, and any reports relating to individual decisions, are published on the Council's website in accordance The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

Decisions included in the Schedule

The definition of the categories for 'Significant' Officer Decisions to be included in the Schedule are set out below:

1. Tenders/Contracts over £50,000 or 'sensitive' excluding individual social services care packages and school placements.
2. Exemptions to Competitive Tendering.
3. Redundancies/Early Retirements above 5 in Service area*
4. Decision to commence formal organisational restructuring/consultation.
5. Consultation responses other than technical responses where officers asked for Member views.
6. Write-off of individual debts between £5,000 and £15,000.
7. Decisions arising from external report on significant Health and Safety at Work Act risk.
8. Compulsory Purchase Orders.
9. Action with regard to Petitions in accordance with the Council's Petition Scheme
10. Any exceptions made to the Council's agreed tender procedure as set out in Financial Procedure Rules
11. Consultancies over £5,000 (excluding cover for established posts) or any consultancy/employment offered to former Senior Officers of the Council of 3rd tier and above.
12. Other decisions such as those with political, media or industrial relations implications that Directors consider Members should be aware of.
13. Appointments to casual vacancies on committees, sub committees, Panels, Working Parties and outside bodies
14. Specific decisions that have been delegated to a particular officer by resolution at a Cabinet meeting to be taken following consultation with the relevant Commissioner

*Decisions taken on the Redundancy/Early Retirement of a senior level officer to be reported to Group Leaders, Cabinet and Employment and Appeals Committee.

Call-in

Any Member of the Council may call-in an officer decision specified in this Schedule by following the procedure set out in paragraph 21 of Part 4.5 of the Council's Constitution. Member call-ins must be submitting in writing to the Head of Democratic Services and state the reasons why the request to have the matter considered by Scrutiny has been made. The call-in must be received within five working days of delivery of the publication of the decision (by 5.00pm). Members call-ins of officer decisions will be submitted to the next Overview & Scrutiny Committee for consideration and dealt with in the same way as other post decision call-ins.

Exempt information

Any supporting reports considered by the decision-maker will be published on the website in a separate appendix, unless they contain exempt information under Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (as amended) and that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.

Further information

The schedule will be published monthly. A copy can be obtained from Democratic Services at St Martin's Place, 51 Bath Road on weekdays between 9.00 a.m. and 4.45 p.m. or Tel: (01753) 875015, email: neil.fraser@slough.gov.uk.

A copy will be published on Slough Borough Council's Website: www.slough.gov.uk

Slough Borough Council Record of Significant Officer Decision

Petitions

In accordance with the Council's Petition Scheme and the schedule of Significant Officer Decisions please find below a list of petitions submitted to the Council and a summary the response provided. Further details of the petitions can be found on Slough's website:

<http://www.slough.gov.uk/moderngov/mgePetitionListDisplay.aspx?bcr=1>

Parking Issues on Portland Close

Petition Received: 27th February 2015

We the undersigned would like to highlight the problems we are experiencing on the close during school pick up and drop off times as well as cars parking during the day so that occupants can walk to and from Burnham station.

We have noted the problem has increased over the years due to neighbouring roads having restricted parking. We now have cars double parking and blocking off drives giving no consideration to residents. It is more often than not extremely difficult to leave our homes during these specific times.

Furthermore, we are worried from a safety point given the football at that time of day (due to the alley way allowing a short cut) it will only be a matter of time before a child is hit by a car given the sheer volume of traffic we are now experiencing. There is also the issue of emergency vehicles not having access due to the double parking.

We would like the Council to consider:

- Restricted parking similar to the neighbouring roads
- Yellow lines
- Resident parking in the form of permits to enable those households who have limited drive space

Response Provided: 26th March 2015

Further to the acknowledgment letter sent on 27th February, 2015 and the subsequent site visit carried out with Councillor Mellor on 16th March, 2015, I am writing in response to the above petition.

As discussed, we have added this location to our waiting list for parking restrictions to be considered. This list is reviewed annually and on review the scheme will be designed, then a formal consultation of the proposal will be carried out. We have commenced the review of the current list therefore, unfortunately this location will not be considered now until next year.

In the meantime, in situations such as these we advise that any dangerous or obstructive parking is reported to the Police on the non-emergency number 101.

Littlebrook Avenue Parking Scheme

Petition received: 2nd March 2015

We the attached signatories and residents of Littlebrook Avenue do resolve to petition Slough Borough Council for a review and implementation of parking restrictions to ease parking problems caused by commuter parking.

We unanimously resolve and petition:

- SBC Transport Department to put together an outline proposal for a new resident permit parking scheme to address commuter parking; Car Speeding; Pick up drop off problems; Safety points on bends; Route to school signage and kerb parking enforcement in Littlebrook Avenue.
- That any proposal must cover all angles in terms of not disadvantaging the residents of Littlebrook Avenue especially in relation to permit costs, vouchers and disabled residents. A particular detail must be made in regards to an Equality Impact Assessment
- That the residents are fully consulted throughout the process with the first outline proposal to come before residents by the last week of May 2015 (agreed to by the Senior Engineer - Transport).

Response Provided: 25th March 2015

I confirm receipt of the petition regarding the introduction of a permit parking scheme and additional double yellow lines on Littlebrook Avenue.

I have added this scheme onto our scheme priority list, and I am aiming to have an initial design ready for discussion at a local residents meeting at the end of May as discussed.

The extent of the scheme will be to introduce permit parking on the entirety of the public highway on Littlebrook Avenue, which will be in line with the timings used on neighbouring roads (for example Monday to Friday from 10am – 11am). The entire road will need to be considered so to protect the location from displacement parking. Permits will not be required outside of these times, and also on private parking areas. Additional double yellow lines will be introduced at pinch points, bends and turning points to improve road safety in the area.

I will liaise with the ward members and chair of the residents group to arrange a convenient date at the end of May to meet to discuss my initial proposals.