

# **SIGNIFICANT OFFICER DECISIONS**

## **16 SEPTEMBER TO 15 OCTOBER** **2016**

### **DECISIONS**

15/16 – 16/16

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18<sup>th</sup> October 2016

### **DEADLINE FOR MEMBER CALL-IN:**

5.00pm on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 submitted 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](mailto:neil.fraser@slough.gov.uk).

A copy will be published on Slough Borough Council's Website: [www.slough.gov.uk](http://www.slough.gov.uk)

<b>Ref</b>	15/16
<b>Title of decision</b>	Approval of a building name for new commercial premises
<b>Date decision taken</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> October 2016
<b>Decision maker</b>	Sanjay Dhuna – head of Planning and Building Control
<b>Portfolio</b>	Neighbourhood and Renewable
<b>Details of decision taken</b>	To approve the proposed building name of Orbital Park for new DHL premises within Poyle
<b>Reasons for taking decision</b>	The developer did not wish to use the street/building names from the Council's pre-approved list of names
<b>Options considered</b>	The developers of the site had previously proposed The Southern Hub, but now prefer the option of Orbital Park. This is the legacy name of their previous premises in Hounslow and they wish to continue with this name when the move to Poyle. Additionally they feel this name is appropriate owing to the building being in close proximity to the M25 orbital motorway.
<b>Details of any conflict of interest, disclosable pecuniary interest or non-statutory disclosable interest declared</b>	None.
<b>Reports considered</b>	Slough Borough Council's Street Naming and Numbering Guidance.

<b>Ref</b>	16/16
<b>Title of decision</b>	Approval of a building name for new flats within Slough High Street
<b>Date decision taken</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> October 2016
<b>Decision maker</b>	Sanjay Dhuna – head of Planning and Building Control
<b>Portfolio</b>	Neighbourhood and Renewable
<b>Details of decision taken</b>	To approve the proposed building name of Skyline for an existing commercial premises being converted into flats at 292-298 High Street, Slough
<b>Reasons for taking decision</b>	The developer did not wish to use the street/building names from the Council's pre-approved list of names
<b>Options considered</b>	The developers have advised that the building in question is one of the top ten tallest buildings in Slough. Additionally the developer highlighted that Slough is fast becoming a desirable place to live e.g. Crossrail, expanding trading estate, regeneration of the town centre, therefore they feel the name Skyline creates strong connotations of a prosperous metropolis, and the new Skyline residential tower will be a prime address fit for city workers, in a town that is fast becoming a major commuter hub
<b>Details of any conflict of interest, disclosable pecuniary interest or non-statutory disclosable interest declared</b>	None.
<b>Reports considered</b>	Slough Borough Council's Street Naming and Numbering Guidance.

## **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>

### **16-15 Parking Issues on Ragstone Road**

This petition was received on 8th September, 2016.

Extremely restricted parking available for residents (especially residents who do not have off street parking) on Ragstone Road.

- Created disharmony amongst both sides of the road as resident who have driveways have left their driveways clear for their relatives and taken up spaces on the street.
- People from other parts of Slough park their car on Ragstone Road and walk into town for work and go into London for the whole day.
- Doctors and patients park and block many spaces (for surgery).
- Difficult for parents with children asleep in the car to park anywhere near their house.

We would like a 6 – 12 months trial of resident parking permits.

This petition was responded to by the Team Leader, Parking Services on 6th October, 2016.

I am writing to respond to the petition submitted on 8th September, 2016 requesting residents permit parking on Ragstone Road.

The Council received a petition in 2012 from a number of residents of Ragstone Road requesting to be considered for residents' parking. In response to this we consulted all the residents of Ragstone Road to see whether this suggestion was supported by the majority of residents. The majority of residents who responded were not in favour of residents' parking, and therefore this was not taken forward.

Although this petition has the minimum required signatures, the Authority would not reconsider a request for residents permit parking unless we are satisfied that the majority of residents are in favour of such a scheme, i.e. 60% or more. For this reason unfortunately we are unable to progress this request further at present.

I apologise that we could not assist further on this occasion.

### **16-16 Stop Social Gathering on Alexandra Road**

This petition was received on 13th September, 2016.

We the people who reside and work in Alexandra Road are suffering from the social gathering that is happening every day.

- We are signing this petition hoping that someone would really address this problem.
- We are suffering from the loitering that would also bring loud noises litter and bad

reputation to our neighbourhood, besides loss of businesses that is affecting our daily life.

- There have been efforts in the past but not enough we would like a real solution from the officials as enough is enough, or we would take this matter further.

This petition was responded to by the Community Safety Project Officer on 4th October, 2016.

Further to your paper petition regarding the above and our meeting of 30th September, 2016. I am writing to confirm the following actions which were discussed and agreed:

- The Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator will send out Anti-social Behaviour (ASB) incident diaries to all signatories on the petition to get more detailed information, over the course of next six weeks, about exactly what is happening and when;
- Once in receipt of the completed ASB incident diaries, a residents meeting will be organised to decide the next course of action;
- A separate meeting will be held with the elders/church leaders of the Roma community to seek their views and a way forward. Representatives of Slough Borough Council and Thames Valley Police will attend this meeting;
- The Police will continue to patrol Alexandra Road (resources permitting) to prevent large groups congregating;

As mentioned above, ASB incident diaries have been sent out today and I have enclosed one for you to complete and return.

Once the ASB diaries have been completed and returned by residents and yourself, I will contact you again in 6-7 weeks giving details of the residents meeting.

In the meantime, if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.