

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Council **DATE:** 30th November, 2023

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PART I **FOR DECISION**

MOTIONS SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL UNDER PROCEDURE RULE 14

The following motions have been received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14:-

Housing

(Moved by Councillor Ajaib, seconded by Councillor Escott)

“The Council recognises:

1. Housing is a pressing issue for local residents in Slough, across all sectors, tenures and housing types.
2. There is a chronic shortage of housing in Slough and nationwide.
3. Housing is a multifaceted issue, with many teams within the council involved in the delivery of housing services, from planners to housing regulation, temporary accommodation to the allocations team.
4. All of these teams hold data – however, this data is not readily available to councillors in an easily accessible, singular document.

The Council therefore resolves;

1. To request Cabinet to agree to produce an annual ‘State of Housing’ report in Slough to be published at the start of each financial year.

The report should include up-to-date information on, but not limited to, council house waiting lists, right to buys receipts, council lets, rough sleepers, temporary accommodation, housing supply, housing tenures, housing providers, conditions of housing stock, repairs and maintenance performance, voids, mould, complaints, local housing allowance rates, homelessness, overcrowding, landlord licensing, inspections, affordable housing and any other matters that are pertinent”.

Conflict in the Middle East

(Moved by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Naveed)

“Slough Borough Council extends and notes:

- Our deepest condolences to those who have lost their loved ones due to recent events in Israel and Palestine; and acknowledges that Slough residents have been horrified to see the horrific escalation of violence since 7th October in which thousands of innocent men, women and children have been killed, including over 4,000 Palestinian children.
- Our unequivocal condemnation of Hamas’s terror attack on 7th October; of the fact that whole Palestinian communities have been driven from their homes and that the Gaza Strip has been cut off from crucial water, food, fuel and medical supplies.
- Our belief that Israel must not be given a blank cheque to continue operating in the manner it has done, and that every effort should be made by the UK Government to ensure the stability of the region.

Slough Borough Council resolves:

That the Leader of the Council write to the Foreign Secretary outlining the following:

- The multicultural nature of Slough and the pride which Slough places in our vibrant community relations;
- Our agreement that Israel must stop extremist settler violence in the West Bank; and that we recognise the calls from charities such as Christian Aid, Oxfam and Save the Children who have called a ceasefire ‘our only option to avert further loss of civilian life and humanitarian catastrophe’.
- That we call for Israel to protect Hospitals and allow food, water, electricity, medicine and fuel into Gaza; and to stop the aerial bombardment of any targets with likely civilian presence with immediate effect;
- That International law makes it clear that the intentional killing of civilians, collective punishment and hostage-taking may be deemed as war crimes; and that all members urge the Government and the Member of Parliament for Slough to work to uphold the international rules which underpins our collective human rights;
- That the United Kingdom should reaffirm its longstanding commitment to a diplomatic and political process to deliver an immediate ceasefire, and a pathway to the lasting peace of a two-state solution.”