

Slough Borough Council

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| Report To: | Cabinet |
| Date: | 22 nd June 2026 |
| Subject: | Recommendations from Council - Motions |
| Lead Member: | Leader of the Council – Councillor Chahal |
| Chief Officer: | Sarah Wilson, Director of Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) |
| Contact Officer: | Nick Pontone, Senior Democratic Services Officer |
| Ward(s): | All |
| Exempt: | No |
| Appendices: | Appendix A – Motions agreed by full Council 23 rd April 2026 |

1. Summary and Recommendations

- 1.1 This report sets out Cabinet’s initial response to the recommendations arising from motions agreed by full Council.

Recommendation:

That the Cabinet approves the recommended responses in Appendix 1, Column 6 to each recommendation from Council.

2. Report

Introduction

- 2.1 At each ordinary meeting of full Council motions may be submitted by each political group, an individual member or one cross-party motion. The process and scope of motions is set out in Council Procedure Rule 14.

- 2.2 Motions that agree actions relating to executive functions must be referred to Cabinet under Procedure Rule 14.3 (b) which states that:

“Motions must be about matters for which the Council has a responsibility or which affect the Borough. Motions that relate to Executive Functions must be drafted as a recommendation to Cabinet and shall be referred to the Cabinet for consideration if approved.”

- 2.3 This report summarises the motions agreed by Council on 23rd April 2026 which include matters referred to the Cabinet. The table in Appendix 1 sets out the action or matter referred; the comments of the relevant Lead Member; and the proposed Cabinet response.

- 2.4 The full wording of the approved motion is attached at Appendix 2 to provide context. Any actions for other bodies or parties are referred separately and this report only includes matter referred to Cabinet.
- 2.5 It is for Cabinet to decide its response to each referral and it is proposed that one of following is agreed for each action. For consistency, the options are similar to those available in considering any recommendations from scrutiny.
- a. NOTE BUT **NOT** AGREE the recommendation, on the grounds that **[insert rationale]**.
 - b. NOTE AND AGREE the recommendation, or a specific part of the recommendation (noting whether action is already underway, and which named director will implement it and by what date).
 - c. NOTE but REQUEST FURTHER WORK BY OFFICERS in response to the recommendation (e.g. to evaluate options to implement and report back to cabinet for final decision by **[date]**).
 - d. NOTE but REFER the matter to another committee for action, or an external organisation.
 - e. For recommendations relating to operational matters and therefore directed to one or more members of the Corporate Leadership Team, the Cabinet is invited to NOTE and either ENDORSE the recommendation or CAUTION it.

Appendix 1 - Table 1. Recommendations requiring Cabinet response.

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| Meeting | Motion Title | Council Recommendation | Portfolio | Explanatory notes provided by Lead Member(s) | CABINET RESPONSE (from options a-e above) |
| Council, 23 rd April 2026 | Strengthening and Improving Planning Enforcement in Slough | The Cabinet review the council's plan and associated strategies in working and engaging with Private sector Landlords and Social housing providers in Slough to ensure better outcomes for our residents. | Public Protection & Regulatory Services Housing, Homelessness & Communities | <p>Re Private sector housing – the Council's key engagement with the sector is through enforcement and property licensing. The discretionary additional and selective licensing schemes will be consulted on widely during the 10-week statutory consultation period. If approved, these schemes will provide extra regulatory powers to improve the quality of PRS for residents. These schemes have been put before Scrutiny committee twice in the 2025/26 municipal year and the approval to go to statutory consultation was agreed by Cabinet on 20th April 2026. The conclusions of the consultation will be put before Cabinet on 16th November 2026 for final decision on the implementation of discretionary property licensing.</p> <p>It is important to note that the planning status of a property does not impact the requirement for a property to be licensed. Where a licence application or compliance inspection identifies a property that does not have the correct planning status, details will be shared with Planning.</p> | <p>NOTE AND AGREE</p> <p>The recommendation regarding private sector housing is made on the basis that work is already in progress and this will return to Cabinet for decision by 16 November 2026 in line with governance process set out in legislation.</p> |

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| <p>Council, 23rd April 2026</p> | <p>Strengthening and Improving Planning Enforcement in Slough</p> | <p>The Cabinet also reviews the Council's readiness and ability to implement the requirements of Awaab's Law for social landlords; as well as enforce and promote strengthened protections under the new renters' rights legislation, including taking firm action against rogue landlords.</p> | <p>Housing, Homelessness & Communities</p> <p>Public Protection & Regulatory Services</p> | <p>The Director of Housing and the Council's repairs contractor, CARDO, are already working with the guidelines for Awaab's Law since its inception from 27 October 2025. The Housing Damp and Mould policy was signed off at Cabinet and came into being from 1 May 2026.</p> <p>The Councils Housing and Public Protection Directorates have worked together to prepare for the impact of the Renters' Rights Act legislation by agreeing referral routes and the shared use of staff and funding resources. Revised Housing Regulation Enforcement and Civil Penalty policies will be presented to Cabinet on the 22nd June 2026. These policies will provide a robust enforcement framework under which the Council can take appropriate enforcement action.</p> | <p>NOTE AND AGREE</p> <p>On the basis that this work is already in progress.</p> |
| <p>Council, 23rd April 2026</p> | <p>Public Realm Improvements to Slough</p> | <p>To express its disappointment that Slough Council has been rated 'red' by the Department for Transport for funding, while recognising Slough achieved 'green' for best practice and 'amber' for road condition, and further noting that pothole repairs have increased from 408 in 2022 to 1,393 in 2025, alongside the recommencement of the resurfacing programme and the forthcoming Highways Capital Maintenance Programme to be reported to Cabinet over the coming months.</p> | <p>Highways, Transport & Parking</p> | <p>The highways capital maintenance programme is scheduled to be considered by the Cabinet in September 2026 and the report will include the Local Transport Delivery Plan.</p> | <p>NOTE AND AGREE</p> |

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| <p>Council, 23rd April 2026</p> | <p>Public Realm Improvements to Slough</p> | <p>To request the administration to undertake a borough-wide audit of public places to identify areas in need of improvement, including pavements, highways, parks and play spaces covering safety, maintenance, lighting, signage, accessibility and cleanliness, building on the Council's existing annual highways condition surveys, which use network-wide scanning technology to assess all roads and footways and prioritise investment based on condition data, alongside regular inspection regimes for parks and play areas.</p> | <p>Highways, Transport & Parking</p> | <p>The action is very broad and crucially any new borough wide audit would need to be backed by investment to be meaningful. The service has undertaken road scanning, are upgrading childrens play equipment and are reviewing the delivery of waste services. These activities in effect add up to a borough wide plan.</p> | <p>NOTE but REQUEST FURTHER WORK BY OFFICERS</p> |
| <p>Council, 23rd April 2026</p> | <p>Public Realm Improvements to Slough</p> | <p>To request the administration to develop and publish a Public Realm Improvement strategy within 6 months for the Scrutiny Committee to consider. This should include, but not be limited to, maintenance of green spaces, play spaces, highways management, pedestrian access, fly-tipping and littering, street cleaning and enforcement.</p> | <p>Environment & Public Realm Highways, Transport & Parking</p> | <p>In addition to the points above in relation to the audit of public places, officers are working on a comprehensive public realm strategy and specific targeted interventions. This work will need to include identification of ways to fund and what can be done in the short, medium and long term and this work will be brought back to Cabinet when completed.</p> | <p>NOTE but REQUEST FURTHER WORK BY OFFICERS</p> |

Appendix 2 – full wording of motions agreed by Council, 23rd April 2026

Motion A – Strengthening and Improving Planning Enforcement in Slough

- To support the new renters' rights bill coming into force from 1 May 2026.
- To play a leading role in continuing to maintaining housing standards and enforcing tenants' rights.
- That every Slough resident in the Private rented sector and Social Housing should continue to have access to safe, secure and decent housing, and not be forced to tolerate poor living conditions or exploitative practices.
- That when individuals or organisations fail to comply with housing safety standards, enforcement officers will continue to take swift and robust action to address breaches, protect residents, and maintain the integrity of the housing system.
- To tackle the increasing number of substandard Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs), which put housing safety and residents at risk and undermine community cohesion, by seeking to improve our reporting mechanisms and encourage residents to report any breaches of safety or unlawful activity with confidence.
- That in light of the Discretionary Property Licensing report approved at the Cabinet meeting on 20 April, recommending a 10-week consultation on a discretionary property licensing scheme, and also the urgent need to publish a housing strategy as recommended in the commissioner review of the report, we ask the Corporate Improvement Scrutiny Committee (CISC) to also undertake a full review of planning enforcement policies, including Beds in Sheds, mass overdevelopment, and unlicensed HMOs, with a detailed analysis of the outcome of the consultation, a housing strategy and the full review of planning enforcement policies to come back to CISC with a report published by cabinet to ratify the recommended decisions from CISC by September/October 2026.
- To ask that scrutiny further review planning enforcement team practices and outcomes to ensure they are sufficiently resourced and proactive.

This Council also recommends that:

- The Cabinet review the council's plan and associated strategies in working and engaging with Private sector Landlords and Social housing providers in Slough to ensure better outcomes for our residents.
- The Cabinet also reviews the Council's readiness and ability to implement the requirements of Awaab's Law for social landlords; as well as enforce and promote strengthened protections under the new renters' rights legislation, including taking firm action against rogue landlords.

Motion B - Public Realm Improvements to Slough

1. To acknowledge that residents deserve a clean, safe, and well-maintained public realm environment, and note that concerns are sometimes raised regarding upkeep and maintenance of public spaces, shrubbery and grass verges, road conditions in parts of Slough, and incidents of fly-tipping and littering.
2. To note that the Council updated littering Fixed Penalty Notice levels in 2024/25 in line with statutory changes under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and, while no penalties have been issued over the past year, is currently undertaking procurement to introduce additional uniformed enforcement capacity to issue Fixed Penalty Notices and enforce borough-wide Public Spaces Protection Orders, and supports further strengthening enforcement activity across the borough.
3. To express its disappointment that Slough Council has been rated 'red' by the Department for Transport for funding, while recognising Slough achieved 'green' for best practice and 'amber' for road condition, and further noting that pothole repairs have increased from 408 in 2022 to 1,393 in 2025, alongside the recommencement of the resurfacing programme and the forthcoming Highways Capital Maintenance Programme to be reported to Cabinet over the coming months.
4. To note that inconsiderate parking, including by e-scooters and mopeds, coupled with overgrown and poorly managed hedges and shrubbery, contributes to unsafe pedestrian access for all residents, with a particularly heavy impact on disabled residents and parents with pushchairs, and to recognise the Council's ongoing rollout of Controlled Parking Zones and increased numbers of Civil Enforcement Officers to improve compliance with parking restrictions.
5. To request the administration to undertake a borough-wide audit of public places to identify areas in need of improvement, including pavements, highways, parks and play spaces covering safety, maintenance, lighting, signage, accessibility and cleanliness, building on the Council's existing annual highways condition surveys, which use network-wide scanning technology to assess all roads and footways and prioritise investment based on condition data, alongside regular inspection regimes for parks and play areas.
6. To request the administration to develop and publish a Public Realm Improvement strategy within 6 months for the Scrutiny Committee to consider. This should include, but not be limited to, maintenance of green spaces, play spaces, highways management, pedestrian access, fly-tipping and littering, street cleaning and enforcement.