

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Council **DATE:** 25th September 2025

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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:-

A) Housing

(Moved by Councillor Hulme, seconded by Councillor Mohammad)

“The Council:

- a) Endorses the Labour Government's Renter's Rights Bill, finally giving greater protection to renters in Slough and recommends to Cabinet to ensure active readiness to make use of the increased enforcement powers for local authorities contained within the bill by setting up a Renter's Taskforce to tackle the illegal practices by a minority of rogue landlords operating within Slough.
- b) Recognises it's "serious failings" to its social housing tenants with the recent C3 grading by The Regulator of Social Housing and recommends to Cabinet to develop a social housing improvement plan for scrutiny by the end of the calendar year.
- c) Acknowledges the increase in residents presenting with housing distress and the decrease in the availability of front-line officers to provide compassionate care and advice. As such, council recommends to Cabinet it enables enhanced training on the new Renter's Rights legislation alongside a refreshed protocol for initial point of contact for residents presenting as homeless.
- d) Expresses its disappointment that the administration has failed to prioritise future property licensing schemes in Slough, which was initially due to go before Cabinet in September 2024, leaving Slough residents further at risk of unscrupulous landlords. Council recommends to Cabinet that it should urgently bring forward renewed recommendations for future licensing schemes at the earliest opportunity.
- e) Formally notes the Tory administration's failure to follow the Full Council's decision in November 2023 to produce an annual 'State of Housing' report at the start of each financial year. The council reminds the administration that council's decisions are not to be blindly ignored and reiterates its recommendation to Cabinet for the production of an annual State of Housing report at the start of each municipal year."

B) Refuse Collection Policy Review

(Moved by Councillor W Sabah, seconded by Councillor Akram)

“The Council requests that the Corporate Improvement Scrutiny Committee considers creating a task and finish working group to review the current waste collection and disposal policies; specifically,

1. The decision by Cabinet on 17 June 2013 to issue the 180L grey bin and 240L red bin as standard when requesting or replacing a waste container;
2. The criteria determining the household eligibility for a larger bin (240L & 360L);
3. The criteria determining the eligibility for a separate or weekly collection and/or disposal of clinical and personal hygiene/sanitary waste;
4. Impact report on waste disposal & fly tipping in relation to “Sheds with Beds” (including permitted or unpermitted developments);
5. Current communications plan and resident engagement in particular the above policies and any such changes;
6. Establish a ‘citizens charter’ promoting responsible recycling and waste disposal;

Council requests that a report on the findings and recommendations of the above be brought back to full council by the Chair before the end of the municipal year.”