

Swindon Borough Council

Special Committee

Monday, 18 March 2013

Committee Room 1, Civic Offices (Anticipated meeting room)

At 1.00 p.m.

Conservative Councillors

Roderick Bluh (Chair)
David Renard (Vice-Chair)
Fionuala Foley
Garry Perkins
Brian Mattock
Deputies: *All other
Cabinet Members*

Labour Councillors

Mark Dempsey
Jim Grant
Des Moffatt
Deputies: *All other
Labour Shadow Cabinet
Members*

Liberal Democrat Councillors

Stan Pajak
David Wood (Deputy)

Deputies: *All other Liberal
Democrat Members*

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AGENDA

PART 1 (PUBLIC ITEMS)

1. Apologies for Absence.

2. Declarations of Interest.

Members are reminded that at the start of the meeting they should declare any known interests in any matter to be considered, and also during the meeting if it becomes apparent that they have an interest in the matters being discussed.

3. Minutes. (Pages 1 - 2)

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 20th December 2012.

4. Public Question Time.

See explanatory note below. Please phone the Committee Officer whose name and number appears at the top of this agenda if you need further guidance.

5. Exempt Items - Exclusion of Press and Public.

Certain items are expected to include the consideration of exempt information and the Special Committee is, therefore, recommended to resolve "That, in

accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded during the discussion of the matters referred to in the items listed below, on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in the respective paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information".

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Paragraph No.</u>
9	1 and 2

- 6. Council Tax Empty Homes Discounts and Exemptions.** HRB (Pages 3 - 6)
- 7. Appointment to Council Bodies.** DLDS (Pages 7 - 8)
- 8. Adjustments to the Council's Organisational Structure.** CE (Pages 9 - 14)
Appendix 2 – to follow.

PART 2 (TO BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT THE PRESS AND PUBLIC PRESENT)

- 9. Redundancy Severance.** CE (Pages 15 - 20)

Date of Despatch: 08 March 2013

Key:

Officers:

CE	-	Chief Executive
DLDS	-	Director of Law and Democratic Services
HPC	-	Head of People and Change
HRB	-	Head of Revenues and Benefits

Public Question Time - Swindon Borough Council is committed to increasing its accountability to the public and to promoting active citizenship. Up to 15 minutes will be allowed at the start of all Council meetings for questions to the Chair from members of the public about the work of the Committee (except for confidential matters and specific planning applications). Questions must be relevant, clear and concise. Because of time constraints Public Question Time is not an opportunity to make speeches or statements. Prior notice of a question to the Director of Law and Democratic Services is desirable - particularly if detailed background information is needed.

Access Arrangements – The Venue is wheelchair accessible and an infrared receiver hearing system is provided. If you would wish to attend the meeting but have any special requirement to enable you to do so please contact the Committee Clerk above, as soon as possible prior to the date of the meeting.

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Special Committee - Terms of Reference

The Special Committee shall have delegated to it the power to act for the Council on the advice of the Chief Executive on any policy decision or any particular matter that is urgent and necessary in the best interests of the Council.

The quorum of the Committee shall be three.

Deputy Members may be appointed at the Annual or any meeting of the Council.

Minutes of any proceedings of this Committee shall be submitted to the Council.