



**SWINDON BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**Municipal Year 2017/18**

**Thursday, 19 April 2018**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER  
CIVIC OFFICES  
SWINDON**

11 April 2018

Dear Councillor,

**Summons to attend Council Meeting**

A MEETING of the **Council**, which you are requested to attend, is to be held at the CIVIC OFFICES, SWINDON, on **Thursday, 19 April 2018 at 7.00 p.m.**

The business to be transacted will be as follows:-

**AGENDA**

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
- 2. Communications**  
To receive any communications or letters which the Mayor or Chief Executive may have to bring before the Council.
- 3. Minutes** (Pages 5 - 12)  
To receive the minutes of the previous meeting.
- 4. 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.

**5. Public Question Time**

See explanatory note below.

**6. Minutes for Confirmation** (Pages 13 - 40)

(1) To consider a Minute for Confirmation from the Cabinet.

- Minute 91 - (Membership of England's Economic Heartland Strategic Transport Forum).

(2) To consider a Minute for Confirmation from the Licensing Committee.

- Minute 35 - (Introduction of a Dog Walking Registration Scheme).

**7. Council Petition Scheme** (Pages 41 - 46)

To consider a petition received in accordance with the Council's Petition Scheme calling upon the Council: "to take action to resolve the traffic issues in the Rodbourne (Even Swindon) area and in particular the problems caused by queuing vehicles trying to enter the car parks of the McArthur Glen Outlet Village".

**8. Motion - New Homes**

Councillor Gary Sumner will move and Councillor Oliver Donachie will second:

"This Council:

1) Welcomes:

- a. the recent restated commitment by the Prime Minister and the Government to supporting house building, and
- b. the work the Council is already undertaking to support providing new homes.

2) Notes:

- a. That Swindon has an adopted Local Plan that supports ambitious targets for new homes,
- b. That a number of parish councils have adopted neighbourhood plans to complement the Local Plan,
- c. The economic benefits from building houses as well as supporting employers by providing good homes for their staff,
- d. The delays that lie outside the Council's control in having construction start once planning permission is given. In particular, the fact that essential service companies such as the water companies and broadband infrastructure providers do not always coordinate their investments to support housing growth.

3) Invites the Leader of the Council to write to the Prime Minister, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to:

- a. Restore the New Homes Bonus to help Councils to pay for the investment and services new homes require,

- b. Devise tax incentives to make it more profitable to build sooner once planning permission is granted, and
- c. Introduce a duty to cooperate with planning authorities for utility companies, including modern utilities such as broadband, to ensure that new homes are not delayed because of the lack of infrastructure.”

**9. Recruitment Process for Chief Executive** (Pages 47 - 54)

To consider the recruitment process for Chief Executive.

**10. Minutes of Cabinet and Decisions Delegated to Cabinet Members** (Pages 55 - 80)

Members have the opportunity to raise questions with the relevant Cabinet Member in respect of Cabinet minutes (which are not reserved for Council for decision) and in respect of individual Cabinet Member delegated decisions.

**11. Minutes of other Council Bodies**

Members have the opportunity to raise questions with the relevant Chair in respect of all other Committee minutes (not reserved to Council for decision), as set out in the Minute Book circulated separately.

**12. Councillors Question Time**

Questions (if any) of which notice has been given by Councillors in accordance with Standing Order 15.

Yours faithfully

Director of Law and Democratic Services

**Questions by Members of the Public in accordance with Standing Order 11**

Swindon Borough Council remains committed to increasing its accountability to the public and to promoting active citizenship. 15 minutes will be allowed at the start of all Council meetings for questions to the Chair from the public about the work of the Committee (except for confidential matters, and matters relating to planning and licensing applications). We will give priority to those who submit questions in writing at least two days before the meeting. Questions must be relevant, clear, and concise. You may not use Public Question Time as an opportunity to make speeches or statements.

Questions in writing should be sent to the Committee Officer whose contact details appear on the agenda above or to the Director of Law and Democratic Services, we will publish it, along with the answer, alongside the Minutes. The process associated with asking a public question is set out in the “Public Question Time at Council Meetings Protocol and Guidance” available on the Council’s Website (<http://ww5.swindon.gov.uk/moderngov/ecCatDisplay.aspx?sch=doc&cat=13338&path=0>) or from the Committee Officer named above.

**Access Arrangements** - The venue is wheelchair accessible and an infrared receiver hearing system is provided. If you have any special requirements to enable you to attend the meeting or would like to receive any of the pages contained in this

agenda in a larger print size, please contact the Committee Officer as soon as possible prior to the date of the meeting.