

Swindon Borough Council

Growing the Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Wednesday, 31 January 2018

Committee Room 6, Civic Offices

At 6.00 p.m.

Conservative Councillors

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Wayne Crabbe
Dale Heenan (Vice-Chair)
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AGENDA

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. 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.

4. Minutes (Pages 3 - 6)

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 27th September 2017.

5. Business Rates (Pages 7 - 10)

6. Apprenticeships, Higher Education and Skills (Pages 11 - 18)

7. Business West

The Head of Place Marketing will provide a verbal update on the recent meetings held by Business West.

8. Work Programme 2017/18 (Pages 19 - 30)

Date of Despatch: 19 January 2018

Public Question Time - 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://www5.swindon.gov.uk/moderngov/ecCatDisplay.aspx?sched=doc&cat=13338&path=0>) or from the Committee Officer named above.