



SWINDON BOROUGH COUNCIL
Municipal Year 2018/19

Thursday, 20 September 2018

**COUNCIL CHAMBER
CIVIC OFFICES
SWINDON**

18 September 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, 20 September 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 7 - 14)
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. Minute to Note (Pages 15 - 18)

To note Minute from Cabinet.

- Minute 34 – Rodbourne Traffic Issues.

(The Cabinet Report relating to this item is available on the Council's website. A hard copy can be obtained by contacting Committee and Member Services.)

7. Motions

**(a) Motion - European Union Referendum
Councillor Stan Pajak will move:**

"This Council Believes:

1. That there is mounting and undisputable evidence of the damage that 'Brexit' would cause both to the national economy and to our regional economy.
2. The damage to our international relationships, the reducing influence with other states and the complete loss of say and control over the rules of the European Single Market and Customs Union, the largest market in the world.
3. That the Government has totally mismanaged the Brexit negotiations and has failed to work closely with large cities and towns such as Swindon and listen to our concerns on the direction followed.
4. That businesses within Swindon, like those elsewhere in the UK, are reconsidering investment plans in new production and new jobs while they await the Brexit deal.
5. That the current rights of EU citizens living in the UK should always be fully protected and not used as a bargaining chip by the UK Government.

Council Notes:

1. The increasing problems that the NHS is having in recruiting nurses and doctors since the decision to leave the European Union was made and that this is having a real impact on the health of local residents.
2. With concern the potential impact of Brexit both on our local economy and on established mutually beneficial partnerships and links with European cities.
3. That the UK economy is now the slowest growing economy in Europe, reducing the prosperity of the UK and Swindon residents.

4. That new investment in the region is being jeopardised and new job opportunities are being lost.
5. That Inflation caused by Brexit-related depreciation of the pound is driving up living costs for the poorest residents a further squeezing of living standards.
6. That Brighton Council and Hammersmith and Fulham Council have already passed motions that back a referendum on the final deal and an option to stay within the European Union.

This Council Resolves:

1. That the Mayor and the Party Group leaders be requested to write to the Prime Minister, Swindon's two MPs and Sajid Javid, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, expressing this Council's and Swindon's strong desire for a referendum on the final terms of a Brexit deal, including the option to maintain full EU membership.
2. That the Leader of the Council be requested to submit a report to Cabinet setting out the likely effects to Swindon of a no deal conclusion to EU negotiations which must result in a treaty by 11pm on March 2019.

(b) **Motion - Council Procurement**
Councillor Jim Grant will move:

"This Council:

- Recognises the significant impact public sector procurement can have on local economic growth.
- Notes that in 2016/17, only 37% of the Council's total procurement spend went to local suppliers.
- Requests the Cabinet Member for Finance review the "Community Wealth Building" approach Labour-led local authorities in Manchester and Preston have taken in their procurement strategy, which has significantly boosted spending on local suppliers. This has led to 71% of Manchester City Council's procurement spend going to local suppliers and Preston City Council more than doubled its procurement spend on local suppliers, pumping tens of millions of pounds extra in to their local economies and boosting local wages by requesting that local suppliers pay the Real Living Wage.
- Requests that following this review the Cabinet Member for Finance bring a report to Cabinet on how the Council could apply the new procurement principles within The Social Value Act (2012) to enable more council-taxpayers money to be spent on to local suppliers.
- Requests the Leader of the Council to bring a report to the next Swindon Health and Wellbeing Board meeting detailing how anchor public sector institutions within the borough can also adopt the Community Wealth Building approach to their procurement strategies, in order to further boost investment within the Borough's

economy.”

(c) **Motion - 20 mph Speed Limit Zones**
Councillor Jim Grant will move:

“This Council:

- Is concerned that it is existing Council practice to not agree to any new 20mph speed limit requests on specific roads in the Borough, which have clear demonstrable support from Ward Councillors and the local community.
- Believes that 20mph speed limits should be introduced in roads and neighbourhoods which would like this and where it has the support of Ward Councillors.
- Recognises the benefits to areas with 20mph speed limits, including to public safety and encouraging more physical activity, such as walking and cycling.

Requests that the Cabinet Member for Highways and Environment bring a report to Cabinet setting out how the Council can reverse the current Council practice of not considering 20mph speed limit requests and to grant 20mph speed limit requests on roads which have clear demonstrable support from Ward Councillors and the local community.”

(d) **Motion - Public Safety**
Councillor Bob Wright will move and Councillor Jane Milner-Barry will second:

"This Council:

- Understands that glyphosate is being used within the Borough by council employees and/or contractors for weed control.
- Notes that in 2015 the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), a branch of the World Health Organisation, said that glyphosate is “probably carcinogenic”.
- Calls for a ban on the use of glyphosate on all land accessible by the public, by council employees, council contractors and all other bodies, by April 2019.
- Asks the Cabinet Member for Highways and the Environment to research alternative means of weed control and adopt a protocol on acceptable methods by April 2019."

8. Appointments to Committees and Other Bodies (Pages 19 - 22)

9. Minutes of Cabinet and Decisions Delegated to Cabinet Members (Pages 23 - 44)

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.

10. 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.

11. 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://www5.swindon.gov.uk/moderngov/ecCatDisplay.aspx?sch=doc&cat=13338&path=0>) or from the Committee Officer named above.

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