



SWINDON BOROUGH COUNCIL
Municipal Year 2018/19

Thursday, 8 November 2018

**COUNCIL CHAMBER
CIVIC OFFICES
SWINDON**

31 October 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, 8 November 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 - 24)

To consider a Minute for Confirmation from Cabinet:

- Minute 41 (Polling District and Places Review)

7. Council Petition Scheme (Pages 25 - 30)

To consider any petition received in accordance with the Council's Petition Scheme.

8. Appointment of Statutory Officers

(Report to follow)

9. Motions

(a) **Motion - Tree Maintenance**
Councillor Steph Exell will move:

"This Council:

- Notes that only £50k has been budgeted in the general fund for the maintenance of trees.
- Notes that over the last three years, 21 tree claims were settled by the Council with a total paid of £373,700.
- Notes that in November 2017 a motion was brought to Council requesting a review of its tree maintenance policy. This motion was voted down by the majority group.
- Given the significant council spend on tree claim settlements, this Council believes an urgent review of its tree maintenance policy is needed and requests the Cabinet Member for Highways and the Environment to bring a report to Cabinet outlining how the Council can prevent such significant settlements for lack of tree maintenance in the future."

(b) **Motion - Modern Day Slavery**
Councillor Steve Allsopp will move:

"This Council:

- Notes that Police Forces in the South West saw a 5% increase in intelligence reporting of modern day slavery in 2017 and the Global Slavery Index has estimated there are 136,000 victims of modern day slavery in the UK.

- Recognises the role it can play in proactively preventing modern day slavery, particularly through vetting our supply chain and notes that many councils across the country have signed up to the “Charter Against Modern Slavery”, led by the Co-operative Party.
- Requests the Leader of the Council bring a report to Cabinet outlining how the Council can meet the requirements within this charter, which includes:
 1. Training our procurement team to understand modern slavery through the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply’s (CIPS) online course on Ethical Procurement and Supply.
 2. Requiring contractors to comply fully with the Modern Slavery Act 2015, wherever it applies, with contract termination as a potential sanction for non-compliance.
 3. Challenging any abnormally low-cost tenders to ensure they do not rely upon the potential contractor practising modern slavery.
 4. Highlighting to its suppliers that contracted workers are free to join a trade union and are not to be treated unfairly for belonging to one.
 5. Publicising its whistle-blowing system for staff to blow the whistle on any suspected examples of modern slavery.
 6. Requiring its tendered contractors to adopt a whistle-blowing policy which enables their staff to blow the whistle on any suspected examples of modern slavery.
 7. Reviewing its contractual spending regularly to identify any potential issues with modern slavery.
 8. Highlighting for its suppliers any risks identified concerning modern slavery and refer them to the relevant agencies to be addressed.
 9. Referring for investigation via the National Crime Agency’s national referral mechanism any of its contractors identified as a cause for concern regarding modern slavery.
 10. Reporting publicly on the implementation of this policy annually.”

10. Adoption of the Hannington Parish Neighbourhood Plan (Pages 31 - 34)

11. Minutes of Cabinet and Decisions Delegated to Cabinet Members
(Pages 35 - 52)

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.

12. 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.

13. 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 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 Council (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 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.