



SWINDON BOROUGH COUNCIL
Municipal Year 2018/19

Thursday, 21 February 2019

**COUNCIL CHAMBER
CIVIC OFFICES
SWINDON**

19 February 2019

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, 21 February 2019 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 - 18)
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. Council Budget 2019/20 (Pages 19 - 166)

To approve, following a recorded vote, the Council's Budget for the Financial Year, 2019/20.

The Cabinet met on 6th February 2019 to consider the following reports relating to the Council Budget 2019/20.

- (i) Budget 2019/20 and Beyond.
- (ii) Capital Programme 2019/20.
- (iii) Treasury Strategy Statement 2019/20.

Cabinet Minutes 56, 57 and 58 relating to these reports are attached (Pages 19 to 22)

7. Council Tax Setting 2019/20 (Pages 167 - 182)

To enable Members, following a recorded vote, to formally resolve the Borough Council's Council Tax for 2019/20.

8. Housing Revenue Account - Rents and Charges 2019/20 (Pages 183 - 206)

To approve the Council's Housing Revenue Account Budget for the Municipal Year 2019/20.

The Cabinet met on 6th February 2019 to consider the attached report on the Housing Revenue Account - Rents and Charges 2019/20.

Cabinet Minute 59 relating to this report is attached (Pages 183 to 184).

9. Swindon Pay Policy Statement 2019/20 (Pages 207 - 230)

To approve the Council's Pay Policy Statement 2019/20/.

The attached report on the Council's Pay Policy Statement 2019/20 was considered by the Cabinet at its meeting on 6th February 2019.

Cabinet Minute 60 relating to this report is attached. (Page 207)

10. Motion - County Lines

Councillor Barbara Parry will move:

That this Council:

Recognises:

- 1. That County lines drug dealing is one of greatest threats of our time
- 2. The Children's Commissioner estimates that there are at least 46,000 children in England who are involved in this type of gang activity.

Notes:

- 1. That this Council Is committed to building on the multi-agency relationships and increasing the partnership working that is so vital to not only the protection of but literally also the survival of some of the most vulnerable people in our

- Borough.
2. The excellent work that is already taking place by an extremely dedicated multi-agency teams around the signs of criminal exploitation and County Lines.

Requests that:

1. The Cabinet Member for Housing and Public Safety writes to the Home Secretary, the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government and the Secretary of State for Education, requesting that the government develops a national strategy to address the issue of County Lines, which would:
 - Provide clear and effective national support for work being put together at a local level
 - Facilitate working across local authority boundaries, for example the need to track perpetrators and children across boundaries;
 - Address the need for ongoing support for young people and families that are affected
 - Provide guidance on timeliness of interviewing young people who have been found after having been notified as missing; and
 - Identify appropriate skills and resources for local authorities and local police forces and other relevant agencies to support a national strategy and deal with the impact of County Lines.
2. The Cabinet Member for Children and School Attainment, writes to EVERY school in Swindon encouraging them to:
 - a) Increase the work they are doing to raise awareness of County Lines and the wider criminal activity related to it;
 - b) Include County Lines training for ALL staff as part of the compulsory annual Safeguarding training. This would not only raise awareness but would provide all staff with the tools to identify children and young people who are either already victims of or who are at risk of exploitation;
 - c) Provide County Lines education to ALL students (adapted to suit both Primary and Secondary), via PSHE to raise awareness amongst children and help them to identify risk factors themselves; and
 - d) Provide appropriate support to give our children the confidence to ask for help and/or to report any suspicious activity.
3. ALL Members make a firm commitment, via this motion, to raise awareness within individual Wards, working with the Police, local schools and community groups.

11. Councillors Question Time

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

Yours faithfully

Stephen Gerrard

Interim Head of Law

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 Shaun Banks (07980752047 sbanks@swindon.gov.uk) or to the Interim Director of Law, 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.

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.