



**SWINDON BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**Municipal Year 2019/20**

**Thursday, 11 July 2019**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER  
CIVIC OFFICES  
SWINDON**

3 July 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, 11 July 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 - 10)  
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 11 - 52)**

To consider Minutes for Confirmation from the Cabinet:

- (1) Minute 11 (Councillors' Allowances 2020/21 – Recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel).
- (2) It is anticipated that a Minute for Confirmation regarding the Swindon Borough Local Plan Review - 2nd Regulation 18 Consultation (Preferred & Emerging Options) will arise from the meeting of the Cabinet to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

The report relating to this item is available on the Council's website. A copy of the Minute of the Cabinet will be circulated under separate cover following the Cabinet meeting.

## **7. Motions**

### **(a) Motion - Free Television Licences Councillor Jim Grant will move:**

"This Council notes:

- The recent announcement that free TV Licences for the over 75s will no longer be a universal benefit, with most people of that age no longer qualifying for this concession.
- The benefits TV Licenses have for many older people in staving off isolation and loneliness, key areas the Council are looking to reduce within the borough.
- The Conservative party promised to maintain free TV licences for the duration of this Parliament in their 2017 General Election Manifesto.

This Council calls on the Government to honour the Conservative Party's 2017 manifesto promise to maintain free TV licences for the over-75s for the duration of this Parliament by ensuring sufficient funding to do so and, should the BBC propose changes to the concession, to ensure that the proposed changes are subject to parliamentary consent.

The Council requests the Leader of the Council to write to the Secretary of State for Media, Culture and Sport and Swindon's two Members of Parliament setting out the Council's position."

### **(b) Motion - Health and Social Care Strategy Councillor Ray Ballman will move:**

"This Council notes:

- The Great Western Hospital Emergency Department continues to fail to meet its 4 hour waiting time target and at the last GWH Trust report to the Health Overview & Scrutiny the GWH were 6% below

their 95% NHS target.

- Overcrowding in the Emergency Department remains the GWH Trust's most pressing challenge.
- Demand for the Emergency Department continues to be high year on year as, with a 13.4% increase in Emergency Department attendances compared with March 2018 and this trend continues.
- That at the end of last year, NHS statistics showed that Swindon patients faced some of the longest GP appointment waits in the whole country.
- The government continues to delay a social care bill with over a million older people in England struggling with unmet care needs.

This Council requests the Leader of the Council to write to the Secretary of State for Health and Swindon two MPs requesting the government set out a clear health and social care strategy addressing these issues, including providing additional money for beds in hospital emergency departments."

**8. Minutes of Cabinet and Decisions Delegated to Cabinet Members**

(Pages 53 - 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.

**9. 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.

**10. Councillors Question Time**

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

Yours faithfully

Lisa Hall

Chief Legal Officer

**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](mailto:sbanks@swindon.gov.uk) ) or to the Chief Legal Officer, 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.