



SWINDON BOROUGH COUNCIL
Municipal Year 2012/13

Thursday, 17 January 2013

**COUNCIL CHAMBER
CIVIC OFFICES
SWINDON**

9 January 2013

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, 17 January 2013 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 1 - 6)
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 7 - 14)

(1) To consider Minutes for Confirmation from Cabinet:

- Minute 55(4) – Review of Town Twinning.
- Minute 71(3) – Economic Strategy for Swindon Consultation and Adoption.
- Minute 79(1) – Independent Remuneration Panel on Councillors' Allowances – Recommendations 2012/13.
- Minute 82(1) – Wiltshire and Swindon Waste Sites Allocation Plan – Inspectors Report and Adoption.

(2) To note Minutes from Cabinet:

- Minute 52(9) and (10) – Financial Update 2012-13 and 2013-14.
- Minute 80(6) – Houses in Multiple Occupation.

7. **Motions**

(a) **Motion - Swindon Dial A Ride**

Councillor Nadine Watts will move and Councillor Steve Wakefield will second:

“This Council notes the administration’s proposal to cut £70K from Swindon’s Dial a Ride service and to tender the service out to the private market.

With further cuts also being proposed to Swindon’s bus services subsidised by the Council’s revenue budget, this Council believes it is likely that demand from Swindon’s elderly and disabled for Dial a Ride services in the borough will likely increase. This Council is concerned that if it doesn’t meet that need then more elderly and disabled people in the borough will feel isolated from society.

The Labour Group does not believe £70K should be cut from Swindon’s Dial a Ride service and also doesn’t believe another transport provider could provide as quality a transport service to Swindon’s disabled and elderly as Swindon Dial a Ride.

Cabinet is requested to have regard to these concerns in its final budget proposals to be determined by Council on 21st February 2013.”

(b) **Motion - North Swindon Schools**

Councillor Mark Dempsey will move and Councillor Rochelle Russell will second:

“This Council supports the principle of building a new primary school in North Swindon to meet the increasing demand for school places and to ensure that every child in Swindon is provided with a school place in their local area.

In order to meet the demand for primary school places in North Swindon, this Council notes Cabinet’s preference to build a primary school on the

Mouldon Hill Country Park.

Cabinet is requested to ask for a report explaining:

(i) All possible options for providing the required new school places. These options include building a new primary school at the following sites:

- Redhouse Village Centre
- An additional school on Tadpole Farm
- The Groundwell Park & Ride site
- The Clary Road Site

(ii) The option of expanding existing schools in North Swindon, including PFI schools, in order to provide more school places

This Council calls on Cabinet to make a decision regarding which site it will use to provide more primary school places in North Swindon as urgently as possible in order to ensure new school places are in place by September 2014.”

(c) **Motion - Chief Officer Terms and Conditions**
Councillor Julian Price will move and Councillor Des Moffatt will second:

“This Council endorses the Special Committee’s decision to review existing and future Chief Officers’ terms and conditions.

This Council recognises the hard work and dedication senior officers provide to make Swindon Council as effective an organisation as it can possibly be. Notwithstanding that salaries should reflect the responsibilities and skill sets of officers employed; this Council does not believe that senior officers should receive more favourable terms and conditions than lower-level council staff in respect of redundancy payments (based upon a pro-rata formula of salary), bonuses, daily expenses or officer mileage allowance.”

(d) **Motion - Statements on the Council's Financial Position 2002-2004**
Councillor Dale Heenan will move and Councillor David Renard will second:

“This Council notes that in March 2002 its external debt was £34.6m, and in 2003 this increased to £46.4m, therefore any statement by a political party that Swindon Borough Council was debt free and "in surplus" in either of these years are incorrect.

This Council requests the Director of Law and Democratic Services writes to each Councillor to ask if he or she has made any statement in the last three months that Swindon Borough Council was "debt free and in surplus" in 2002, 2003 or 2004 and to report back to the Council on any responses on 21st February 2013.”

- 8. Appointment of Directors to Forward Swindon Ltd** (Pages 15 - 20)
- 9. Minutes of Cabinet and Decisions Delegated to Cabinet Members** (Pages 21 - 48)
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 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.