



**SWINDON BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**Municipal Year 2012/13**

**Thursday, 21 February 2013**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER  
CIVIC OFFICES  
SWINDON**

14 February 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, 21 February 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 - 8)  
To receive the minutes of the previous meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2013.
- 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 2013/14 (Pages 9 - 192)**

To approve the Council's Budget for the Financial Year, 2013/14. The Cabinet met on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2013. The following reports considered at this meeting relate to the Council's Budget, 2013/14.

(i) Special Expenses (Pages 9 - 18) (For Information)

(ii) Budget 2013/14 and Beyond (Pages 19 - 162)

(iii) Capital Programme and Treasury Strategy Statement 2013/14  
(Pages 163 - 186)

Appendices 2, 3 and 4 of (ii) above have been updated by the Board Director, of Resources to reflect the decisions made by the Cabinet.

Minutes 93, 94 and 95 relating to these reports are attached.  
(Pages 187 - 192)

**7. Council Tax Setting 2013/14 (Pages 193 - 210)**

To enable Members to formally resolve the Borough's Council Tax for 2013/14.

**8. Housing Revenue Account - Rents and Charges 2013/14 (Pages 211 - 236)**

To approve the Council's Housing Revenue Account Budget for the Financial Year, 2013/14. The Cabinet met on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2013. The attached report on the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) – Revenue and Capital Investment Budget 2013/14 was considered at that meeting. (Pages 211 - 234)

Cabinet Minute 96 relating to this report is attached. (Pages 235 - 236)

**9. Motions**

**(a) Motion - Housing**

**Councillor Des Moffatt will move and Councillor Ray Ballman will second:**

“That this Council instructs the Board Director of Service Delivery to present a report to Cabinet detailing how the HRA could lease a parcel of land from the general fund in The Hawthorns, Pinehurst and use HRA capital resources to build an “extra support” housing scheme of not less than 40 units, and advise on whether this housing provision should be managed by the Housing Department and additional accommodation let under advisement by the Adult Social Care Team.”

**(b) Motion - Groundwell Park and Ride**

**Councillor Joe Tray will move and Councillor Teresa Page will second:**

“That this Council notes that the former Groundwell Park & Ride site remains unused since it was closed by this Council in 2009. This Council further notes that Ward Councillors, residents and community groups have proposed ideas about a future use for this site, which at present the Council has not followed up.

Penhill and Upper Stratton Ward Councillors believe that this site should be

urgently put back in to use in order for it not to be left derelict.

The Council requests:

- (i) The Cabinet Member for Finance to present a report to Cabinet detailing the options available to restore this site
- (ii) The Cabinet Member for Finance to consult with the Penhill and Upper Stratton Ward Councillors before presenting this report."

(c) **Motion - Number 11 Bus Service**  
**Councillor Peter Watts will move and Councillor John Ballman will second:**

"That this Council notes:

(i) That Thamesdown Transport has re-routed the number 11 bus service without consultation with the Ward Councillors in the area affected.

(ii) That the Ward Councillors in the affected area have been contacted by many residents who have said this re-routing will prohibit them from being able to use public transport.

In light of this, Council requests that the Cabinet Member for Leisure and Strategic Transport write to the Managing Director of Thamesdown Transport to urge him to put the number 11 bus service back to its original route until proper consultation with Ward Councillors and affected residents has happened."

**10. Pay Policy Statement 2013/14** (Pages 237 - 264)

To approve the Council's Pay Policy Statement 2013/14. The attached report on the Council's Pay Policy Statement 2013/14 was considered by the Cabinet at its meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2013 and has been updated to reflect the Cabinet decision. (Pages 237 - 262)

Cabinet Minute 101 relating to this report is attached (Page 263)

**11. Minute to Note - Motion** (Pages 265 - 274)

To note minute 103 of the Cabinet (Motion at Council – Green Waste Collections)

**12. 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.