



SWINDON BOROUGH COUNCIL
Municipal Year 2013/14

Thursday, 18 July 2013

**COUNCIL CHAMBER
CIVIC OFFICES
SWINDON**

10 July 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, 18 July 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 - 26)
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 27 - 30)

(1) To consider Minutes for Confirmation from Cabinet:

- Minute 8(1) – Adult Learning Plan
- Minute 10(2) – Treasury and Capital Update

(2) To consider a Minute for Confirmation from the Swindon Children's Trust Board:

- Minute 4 – Children and Young People's Early Support Strategy 2013-16

(3) To consider a Minute for Confirmation from Licensing Committee:

- Minute 12 - The Establishment of Markets in Swindon Town Centre (Minute to follow)

7. Council Petition Scheme (Pages 31 - 36)

8. Motions

**(a) Motion - Swindon Heritage
Councillor Nicky Sewell will move:**

"This Council Notes:

- The need for an expanding town like Swindon to encourage links between new developments and the history and heritage of the Borough.
- Successful attempts by other authorities (such as Eastleigh Borough Council) to encourage developers to name streets inspired by the history and heritage of the area, and that signs carry brief explanations of the origin of the street name.
- That such efforts do not cost Council taxpayers any money and that the cost to developers is negligible.

This Council Resolves:

- To actively encourage all new housing to be named after Swindon's history and heritage.
- To actively encourage all street name signs in new developments to carry a short explanation as to the name of the street.
- To ensure this scheme does not cost Council taxpayers money and that the cost to developers is negligible."

**(b) Motion - Solar Barrier along A419
Councillor Dale Heenan will move and Councillor Richard Hurley will second:**

This Council supports the idea of a "Solar Sound Barrier" along the A419 to improve and extend the existing barrier, and believes that the Council should investigate a pilot scheme so that it can implement a barrier within two years, if practicable.

This Council requests that:

- The Cabinet Member for Highways, Strategic Transport and Leisure establishes a working group of Councillors, supported by officers, to

- develop an outline business case in relation to a pilot scheme, and
- The Leader of the Council and Chief Executive invite key stakeholders to become partners, for example Swindon Commercial Services, the Highways Agency.

The working group should:

- Approach local businesses to be involved in the working group to provide expertise and knowledge, and include any companies interested in purchasing the electricity,
- Consider how the scheme can be self-funded, or financed through a cooperative, loans or a mixture of approaches,
- Expect no grant from the Highways Authority and Swindon Borough Council to implement a scheme,
- Provide a progress update to the September Cabinet, and
- Recommend a proposal to Cabinet if it identifies a viable business case for a pilot scheme.

(c) **Motion - Disposal of Chewing Gum**
Councillor Derique Montaut will move:

“That this Council:

- Believes that spitting and the disposal of chewing gum on our streets is an antisocial, unpleasant and unhealthy practice.
- Believes that spitting and the disposal of chewing gum on the ground in the Town Centre and public places should be banned.
- Believes that such by-laws should be effectively enforced and there needs to be more severe penalties to deter residents from breaching these by-laws and statutory provisions relating to littering.
- Requests the Director of Law & Democratic Services to report back to Council on the 26th September as to whether a ban on spitting and the disposal of chewing gum on the ground in the Town Centre and public places is possible and, if so, with details of how this could be implemented with timescales, costs and options for delivery.
- Instructs the Cabinet Member for Public Protection to explore ways of ensuring that producers of chewing gum products subscribe to the cost incurred of cleaning and repairing areas damaged by their products.”

(d) **Motion - Living Wage**
Councillor Mark Dempsey will move and Councillor Jim Grant will second:

“That this Council:

- Believes that working adults should be entitled to a wage that they can live off.
- Welcomes and supports the adoption of the Living Wage by the Mayor of London and 82 councils across England and Wales and believes that by paying its employees a living wage, they encourage other employers to do the same.
- Believes that its employees as well as employees of companies and organisations commissioned to carry out work on its behalf, should

be paid the Living Wage, currently set at £7.45 an hour.

That this Council requests:

- The Cabinet Member for Customer Support and Corporate Services to bring forward a paper to Cabinet detailing the financial impact on the Council to deliver a living wage to all of its employees as well as employees of companies and organisations commissioned to carry out work on its behalf.”

(e) **Motion - Women's Aid**

Cllr Julie Wright will move and Councillor Steve Allsopp will second:

“That this Council:

- Re-affirms its commitment to support the victims of domestic abuse.
- Notes that an unintended consequence of the changes in Housing Benefit introduced from 1 April 2013 is to put the concept of publicly funded safe houses for domestic abuse victims at risk.
- Supports the campaign by Women’s Aid to exempt any home where victims of Domestic Abuse have been placed for their safety which has an additional bedroom, from being affected by the government’s recent changes to Housing Benefit
- Requests the Leader of the Council to write to Swindon Women’s Aid expressing Council’s support in their campaign.”

9. Community Governance Review (Pages 37 - 64)

10. Shaw Polling Station Review (Pages 65 - 70)

11. Trust Funds - Update (Pages 71 - 74)

12. One Swindon Board Annual Report (Pages 75 - 84)

13. Appointments to Committees and Other Bodies

To consider changes to Member representation on certain Council Committees and other bodies. Changes to representations requested by Political Groups will be tabled at the meeting.

14. Minutes of Cabinet and Decisions Delegated to Cabinet Members

(Pages 85 - 114)

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.

15. 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.

16. 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.