



SWINDON BOROUGH COUNCIL
Municipal Year 2013/14

Monday, 24 February 2014

**COUNCIL CHAMBER
CIVIC OFFICES
SWINDON**

14 February 2014

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 **Monday, 24 February 2014 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 held on 23rd January 2014.
- 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 2014/15 (Pages 7 - 108)

To approve, following a recorded vote, the Council's Budget for the Financial Year, 2014/15. The Cabinet met on 5th February 2014. The following reports considered at this meeting relate to the Council's Budget, 2014/15.

- (i) Special Expenses 2014/15.
- (ii) Budget 2014/15 and Beyond.
- (iii) Capital Programme 2014/15 to 2016/17.
- (iv) Treasury Strategy Statement 2014/15.
- (v) Updated Recommendation to Cabinet.

Minutes 84, 85, 86 and 87 relating to these reports are attached.
(Pages 103 to 107)

7. Council Tax Setting 2014/15 (Pages 109 - 128)

To enable Members, following a recorded vote, to formally resolve the Borough's Council Tax for 2014/15.

8. Housing Revenue Account - Rents and Charges 2014/15 (Pages 129 - 150)

To approve the Council's Housing Revenue Account Budget for the Financial Year, 2014/15. The Cabinet met on 5th February 2014. The attached report on the Housing Revenue Account - Rents and Charges 2014/15 was considered at that meeting.

Cabinet Minute 88 relating to this report is attached. (Pages 149 to 150)

9. Pay Policy Statement 2014/15 (Pages 151 - 156)

To approve the Council's Pay Policy Statement 2014/15. The attached report on the Council's Pay Policy Statement 2014/15 was considered by the Cabinet at its meeting on 5th February 2014. An updated Appendix to this report (Pay Policy Statement) will be circulated under separate cover.

Minute 90 of the Cabinet relating to this report is attached. (Page 155)

10. Motions

(a) Motion - Recycling

Councillor Dave Wood will move:

"This Council notes:

a) The recent re-introduction of charges for green waste collection in Swindon.

b) The changes already made at SCS and the Council to implement this change.

c) The distinctive nature of homes in the Eastcott ward and Town Centre, with larger than average gardens but less space than would be expected for storage for green waste, as well as a greater likelihood of fly tipping as a result

This Council requests that:

The Cabinet Member for Finance and the Cabinet Member for Public Protection, Housing and StreetSmart (Delivery) to bring a report to Cabinet as soon as practicable suggesting ways that a weekly green waste recycling service, free at the point of use, could be re-introduced for Eastcott ward and the Town Centre.”

11. Minutes for Confirmation (Pages 157 - 164)

To Note Minute from the Cabinet:

- Minute 91(2) – Bringing Empty Shops Back Into Use – Motion at Council.

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.

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.