



**SWINDON BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**Municipal Year 2013/14**

**Thursday, 3 April 2014**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER  
CIVIC OFFICES  
SWINDON**

26 March 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 **Thursday, 3 April 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 - 16)  
To receive the minutes of the previous meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> February 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. Minutes for Confirmation**

There are no Minutes for Confirmation.

**7. Motions**

- (a) **Motion - Swindon Energy Co-operative**  
**Councillor Dale Heenan will move and Councillor Oliver Donachie will second:**

“This Council,

(1) Recognises the excellent work that has occurred on the Collective Energy Switch programme, which has cut gas and electricity bills for hundreds of families across Swindon.

(2) Notes the continued cross party support for initiatives to deliver on the November 2013 Full Council decision to, "100% target by 2020."

(3) Recommends that the Cabinet Member for Finance to establish a Cabinet Member Advisory Group to advise the Cabinet Member on the business cases for any Swindon Borough Council investment in renewable initiatives to ensure continued support in an open and transparent manner.

(3) Requests that the Cabinet Member for Finance present a report to Cabinet as soon as practical on setting up a Swindon Energy Social Enterprise to provide a mechanism to continue promotion of Collective Energy Switching within the Borough, allow residents to invest in renewable schemes and assist in delivering allowable solutions for zero carbon homes.”

- (b) **Motion - Lydiard Park**  
**Councillor Keith Williams will move and Councillor Michael Dickinson will second:**

“This Council,

- condemns the scaremongering and claims being made that Lydiard Park and House is being "sold off" and is part of a campaign of "asset stripping" within the borough.

- reminds Members of their duties under the Councillors' code conduct not to bring the authority into disrepute.

- agrees that there are no plans, and this Administration will not bring forward any plans, to sell Lydiard Park and House.

- requests that the Cabinet Members for the Economy, Regeneration and Culture and Highways, Strategic Transport and Leisure, presents a report to Cabinet as soon as practicable on ways to ensure that Lydiard is preserved for future generations to use and enjoy such as through a trust.”

(c) **Motion - Cars Parking on Grass Verges**  
**Councillor Mark Dempsey will move:**

"This Council recognises the concerns of local residents in many of Swindon's communities who do not have adequate parking capacity in their residential area. Furthermore, Council recognises that this can sometimes lead to residential areas being left untidy as a result of residents having to park on grass verges.

This Council requests a report be brought to the Cabinet detailing options for how the Council can increase car parking capacity in residential areas that need it."

(d) **Motion - Opposition to Companies that Operate Blacklists**  
**Councillor Jim Grant will move and Councillor Derique Montaut will second:**

"That Swindon Council deplores the illegal practice of blacklisting and requests that the Lead Cabinet Member and Officers seek a way to ensure that any company tendering for construction and civil engineering contracts to be awarded by Swindon Council will be asked to provide information that they have not conducted any "grave misconduct" by way of blacklisting.

This will include questions in relation to:

1. Membership of the Consulting Association.
2. Employment of individuals who were named contacts for The Consulting Association."

(e) **Motion - Traffic on Cricklade Road**  
**Councillor Joe Tray will move and Councillor Mark Dempsey will second:**

"The Council requests the Lead Member for Highways to bring a report to Cabinet detailing how the Council could complete a road traffic survey on Cricklade Road at the Moonrakers Junction, and following the survey, undertake and complete a preliminary design of a new Moonrakers Junction that would ease the traffic on this main route into and out of the town centre. Council believes this plan should be fully consulted upon and be ready to implement as soon as funding becomes available."

(f) **Motion - Coate Water Country Park**  
**Councillor Derique Montaut will move and Councillor Abdul Amin will second:**

"This Council recognises that since 2003 Coate Water Country Park has received far less investment than other country parks in the town and, in particular, Lydiard Park.

This Council notes that from the S106 agreement the Council has reached with the developer of the Commonhead development, up to £1m could be invested in improvements in the Coate Water Country Park.

This Council urges the Cabinet to agree that the full £1m of Section 106 money that can be invested in leisure and recreation is invested solely in Coate Water Country Park.

This Council requests the Leader of the Council bring forward a report to Cabinet detailing how the Council could provide adequate resources to East and South Swindon Localities to start a public consultation on how £1m of investment could improve Coate Water Country Park."

- (g) **Motion - West Swindon Library**  
**Councillor Jim Robbins will move and Councillor Nadine Watts will second:**

"This Council notes the concerns of Old Town library users about the restricted access to the Old Town library as a result of the Arts Centre being managed by a private company. This Council also notes the concerns of residents and community groups in West Swindon about future access to the West Swindon Library, if and when the Council transfers the Link Centre to a different provider.

This Council requests that the Cabinet Member for Highways, Strategic Transport and Leisure bring a report to Cabinet detailing how the current level of access can be retained to both libraries following these proposed changes."

- (h) **Motion - Town Centre Road Network**  
**Councillor Bob Wright will move:**

"This Council:

- Recognises that the Town Centre's infrastructure is of immense importance to the town's overall road network and traffic flows as well as to those who live in the Town Centre.
- Is concerned about the recently proposed changes of the Town Centre's road network and believes that it doesn't serve the interests of Town Centre users
- Believes that supplementary guidance needs to be agreed on the Town Centre's future road network that will sit with the Town Centre Masterplan.

Therefore, this Council requests that the Leader of the Council to bring a report to Cabinet to detail how the Council can initiate a Town Centre Infrastructure Consultation before further costly works begin on changing the roads, routes, paths and cycleways. The outcome of this consultation should provide the detailed specifications for the Town Centre's future road network which will provide the basis for grant applications. Council believes that if this consultation is to be agreed, it should be controlled and managed by its Highways Department."

**8. Calendar of Meetings 2014/15 (Pages 17 - 20)**

To consider and recommend to Annual Council the dates for meetings of the Council, the Cabinet, Committees and other Swindon Borough Council Bodies for the Municipal Year, 2014/15.

**9. Minutes of Cabinet and Decisions Delegated to Cabinet Members** (Pages 21 - 36)

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.

**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.