



SWINDON BOROUGH COUNCIL
Municipal Year 2015/16

Thursday, 25 February 2016

**COUNCIL CHAMBER
CIVIC OFFICES
SWINDON**

17 February 2016

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, 25 February 2016 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 5 - 10)
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. Appointment of Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service (Pages 11 - 12)

To confirm the appointment of Mr. John Gilbert as Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service, as set out in the recommendation of Minute 5 of the meeting of the Chief Officer Appointments Sub-Committee held on 29th January 2016 (attached).

7. Council Budget 2016/17 (Pages 13 - 110)

To approve, following a recorded vote, the Council's Budget for the Financial Year, 2016/17. The Cabinet met on 10th February 2016. The following reports considered at this meeting relate to the Council's Budget, 2016/17.

(i) Budget 2016/17 and Beyond.

(ii) Capital Programme 2016/17.

(iii) Update to Budget 2016/17 and Beyond.

Cabinet Minutes 59 and 60 relating to these reports are attached. (Pages 13 to 18)

8. Council Tax Setting, 2016/17 (Pages 111 - 130)

To enable Members, following a recorded vote, to formally resolve the Borough Council's Council Tax for 2106/17.

9. Housing Revenue Account - Rents and Charges 2016/17 (Pages 131 - 156)

To approve the Council's Housing Account Budget for the Financial Year, 2016/17. The Cabinet met on 10th February 2016. The attached report on the Housing Revenue – Rents and Charges 2016/17 was considered at that meeting.

Cabinet Minute 61 relating to this report is attached. (Pages 131 to 132)

10. Minute for Note (Pages 157 - 166)

To receive a Minute for Note from the Cabinet.

- Minute 66(3) (Superfast Broadband).

11. Motion - Self Funding Care Costs

Councillor Ray Ballman will move and Councillor Stephanie Exell will second:

"This Council:

- Expresses its concerns about the Government's decision to delay capping the cost of care on individuals to £72,000, leaving only those with assets below £23,250 to receive support towards their costs. The 2014 Care Act stated that the new care cap would be implemented by April 2016.
- Notes that the last time Swindon Council researched the number of self-funding care users in Swindon, in 2014, it was estimated that there were 1450 service users self-funding their domiciliary care and 750 self-funding users receiving Domiciliary care.
- Requests the Leader of the Council to write to the Secretary of State for

Health expressing the Council's concerns about the Government's delay in introducing the capping of people's funding of their own care.

12. Swindon Pay Policy Statement 2016 (Pages 167 - 190)

To approve the Council's Pay Policy Statement 2016/17. The attached report on the Council's Pay Policy Statement 2016/17 was considered by the Cabinet at its meeting on 10th February 2016. The figures and salary information contained in the report will be updated as of 1st April 2016 prior to publication on the Council's website.

Cabinet Minute 64 relating to this report is attached. (Page 167)

13. 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 remains committed to increasing its accountability to the public and to promoting active citizenship. 15 minutes will be allowed at the start of all Council meetings for questions to the Chair from the public about the work of the Committee (except for confidential matters, and matters relating to planning and licensing applications). We will give priority to those who submit questions in writing at least two days before the meeting. Questions must be relevant, clear, and concise. You may not use Public Question Time as an opportunity to make speeches or statements.

Questions in writing should be sent to the Committee Officer whose contact details appear on the agenda above or to the Director of Law and Democratic Services, we will publish it, along with the answer, alongside the Minutes. The process associated with asking a public question is set out in the "Public Question Time at Council Meetings Protocol and Guidance" available on the Council's Website (<http://ww5.swindon.gov.uk/moderngov/ecCatDisplay.aspx?sch=doc&cat=13338&path=0>) or from the Committee Officer named above.

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.