



SWINDON BOROUGH COUNCIL
Municipal Year 2016/17

Thursday, 23 February 2017

**COUNCIL CHAMBER
CIVIC OFFICES
SWINDON**

24 August 2018

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, 23 February 2017 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 - 14)
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. Council Budget 2017/18 (Pages 15 - 118)

To approve, following a recorded vote, the Council's Budget for the Financial Year, 2017/18.

The Cabinet met on 8th February 2017 to consider the following reports relating to the Council's Budget, 2017/18.

- (i) Budget 2017/18 and Beyond.
- (ii) Capital Programme 2017/18.
- (iii) Treasury Strategy Statement 2017/18.

Cabinet Minutes 86, 87 and 88 relating to these reports are attached. (Pages 15 to 18).

7. Council Tax Setting 2017/18 (Pages 119 - 140)

To enable Members, following a recorded vote, to formally resolve the Borough Council's Council Tax for 2017/18.

8. Housing Revenue Account - Rents and Charges 2017/18 (Pages 141 - 170)

To approve the Council's Housing Revenue Account Budget for the Municipal Year, 2017/18.

The Cabinet met on 8th February 2017 to consider the attached report on the Housing Revenue Account – Rents and Charges 2017/18.

Cabinet Minute 89 relating to this report is attached. (Pages 141 to 142)

9. Swindon Pay Policy Statement 2017 (Pages 171 - 194)

To approve the Council's Pay Policy Statement 2017/18.

The attached report on the Council's Pay Policy Statement 2017/18 was considered by the Cabinet at its meeting on 8th February 2017.

Cabinet Minute 93 relating to this report is attached. (Page 171)

10. Minutes for Confirmation (Pages 195 - 196)

To consider Minutes for Confirmation from the Cabinet.

- Minute 92 - (Updated Child Sexual Exploitation Prevention Strategy)
- Minute 95 - (Commercial Investment Strategy – Governance Arrangements)

**11. Motion - Education Improvement
Councillor Carol Shelley will move:**

"This Council notes Ofsted's recent letter to the Council and other local education stakeholders, on the state of Swindon's education provision and expresses concern that:

- Ofsted's believes the Borough's local education provision failed Swindon's children at every key stage in 2016;

- Less than half of secondary school age students in Swindon are being taught in “good” secondary schools;
- At key stage 2, Swindon’s outcomes are considered by Ofsted to be amongst the lowest in the country

This Council recognises that a common challenge faced by Swindon’s schools is the recruitment and retention of good and outstanding teachers. This Council calls on the Cabinet Member for Children’s Services to develop effective strategies to support schools in the recruitment and retention of good and outstanding teaching staff.”

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 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.