



SWINDON BOROUGH COUNCIL
Municipal Year 2017/18

Thursday, 28 September 2017

**COUNCIL CHAMBER
CIVIC OFFICES
SWINDON**

20 September 2017

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, 28 September 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 7 - 12)
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 13 - 50)

(1) To consider a Minute for Confirmation from the Cabinet.

- Minute 33 – (Draft Economic Strategy).

(2) To note a Minute from the Cabinet.

- Minute 37 – (Kimmerfields: Central Business District).

(A copy of the private and confidential Kimmerfields report has previously been circulated to all Members and a further copy is available from Committee and Member Services.)

7. Motions

- (a) **Motion - Planning Land Supply**
Councillor Brian Ford will move and Councillor Cathy Martyn will second:

“This Council notes the recent planning permissions granted on appeal that have overturned the decisions of local councils, parish and town councils and residents of those councils that have voted for neighbourhood plans.

Therefore, we request that the Government change the way the 3 and 5 year housing land supply is calculated. We believe that all planning permissions should be counted towards the 3 and 5-year land supply.

Council requests that the Leader writes to the Secretary of State to set out this request.”

- (b) **Motion - Enforcement Powers**
Councillor Mary Martin will move:

“This Council notes

1. The absence of some formal legal powers to take enforcement actions to raise the quality of life for residents in Swindon, powers that are available to the London Borough councils.
2. The concerns raised by ward members on the nuisance caused to residents by obstructions on pavements and, particularly to those residents with pushchairs, mobility scooters or impaired vision, and
3. The additional powers that London Borough councils enjoy to improve traffic flow by being able to levy fines for violating junctions.

This Council requests that the Leader of the Council writes to the two local Members of Parliament: Robert Buckland QC and Justin Tomlinson requesting that government introduce primary legislation to harmonise the powers available to unitary authorities at the widest range possible.”

- (c) **Motion - Development at Brook Cottage, Hay Lane, Swindon**
Councillor Tim Swinyard will move and Councillor Mary Martin will second:

“This Council notes the grave concern of local residents with regard to the planning application to erect four dwellings on land at Brook Cottage, Hay Lane, Grange Park, which is within the Essential Setting of Lydiard Park.

This Council also notes its resolution of 22nd September 2016, expressing grave concern for another proposed development that would have had an adverse impact on Lydiard Park (Council Minute 47, 2016/17 refers).

This Council requests that the Cabinet Member responsible for Lydiard write to the Planning Committee asking the Planning Committee to have regard to the grave concern of local residents as to the impact on Lydiard Park of the proposed development.”

- (d) **Motion - Local Policing**
Councillor Chris Watts will move and Councillor Derique Montaut will second:

“This Council:

- Recognises the concerns many residents have raised regarding lack of police resources allocated to Swindon that has had a direct detrimental impact on the Police's ability to respond to crime in the Borough.
- Note the impact the lack of resources has on the officers and support staff health and well-being.
- Notes that Wiltshire and Swindon has one of the lowest rates of police officers and constables per population in England and nationally there has been a reduction of 20,000 police officers.
- Notes that the Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire and Swindon has called on the government to increase funding to the Wiltshire Police Authority.
- Requests the Leader of the Council write to Swindon's two MPs to urge them to work together in the best interests of our town to effectively lobby the government for more investment in policing.”

- (e) **Motion - Reducing Drug Misuse**
Councillor Stan Pajak will move and Councillor Dave Wood will second:

“This Council notes:

1. Swindon like most towns and cities in this country has seen a shockingly high rise in the number of drug users.
2. That deaths related to drug misuse in this country are at their highest levels since records began.

3. The recent successful court case where drug dealers in Swindon were convicted was accompanied by a statement by Wiltshire Police regarding how London gangs are travelling to our town to sell class A drugs bringing with them violence and blighting the lives of people living within the local communities.
4. The dramatic rise in the highly dangerous disposal by users of needles and syringes in our public parks and open spaces exemplified by many recent cases

This Council believes amid our continuing efforts with our Health partners to reduce drug misuse we must ensure that members of the public remain safe when using our open spaces and ensure our council workers remain safe when they collect sharps associated with drug usage. It therefore requests the Scrutiny Committee to consider setting up a task group to identify opportunities to reduce the incidence of drug related litter in Swindon.”

(f) **Motion - Swindon Half Marathon**
Councillor Emma Bushell will move and Councillor Stan Pajak will second:

“This Council:

- Recognises and thanks organisers of the Swindon Half Marathon held on September 3rd for taking the initiative to bring back this event to Swindon and for organising a successful day enjoyed by participants and spectators.
- Recognises the charities and businesses who supported event and local residents who turned out to support the race.
- Recognises the importance of participation in sport and exercise to physical and mental health and the long-term savings to the public sector through higher participation rates; the role that events like this can play in this and the obligation of the council to support events that achieves these aims.
- Recognises the positive contribution an established event such as this can make to community spirit in the town and Swindon’s reputation.
- Asks the Mayor of Swindon to write to the organisers of the Swindon Half Marathon thanking them for their efforts to bring back this event.
- Thanks any residents who may have been inconvenienced by the event for their patience and
- Requests the Head of Highways and Transport to review the impact of the road closures with officers and event organisers.”

(g) **Motion - Homelessness**

Councillor Emma Bushell will move and Councillor Bob Wright will second:

“This Council:

- Notes that statutory homelessness has dramatically increased in Swindon, with the number of households assessed as homeless and accommodated by SBC in some form increased by 78%; the number of homeless households with children or a pregnant woman increasing by 125%; and the number of children or expected children within homeless households increasing by 162%.
- Is hugely concerned about the dramatic increase of statutory homelessness in Swindon and believes it should do all it can to reverse this trend.

Requests the Cabinet Member for Housing:

- To bring a report to Cabinet on how the Council can increase the scale of the council house building it already has planned for Swindon.
- To review the Council’s new allocations policy to ensure it isn’t a factor in increasing homelessness across the town.
- Write to Swindon’s two MPs urging them to press the government to tackle the causes of increased homelessness including the widening gap between market rents and the local housing allowance and delays in the payment of Universal Credit which is leading to people falling into rent arrears and private sector landlords being reluctant to rent to those on benefits.”

8. Request to change the name of Central Swindon South Parish Council
(Pages 51 - 54)

To consider a request received from Central Swindon South Parish Council to change its name to South Swindon Parish Council.

9. Appointments to Committee and Outside Bodies

To approve changes to the Council’s membership of Committees and Outside Bodies.

10. Minutes of Cabinet and Decisions Delegated to Cabinet Members (Pages 55 - 78)

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.

11. 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.

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.