



SWINDON BOROUGH COUNCIL
Municipal Year 2017/18

Thursday, 9 November 2017

**COUNCIL CHAMBER
CIVIC OFFICES
SWINDON**

1 November 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, 9 November 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 - 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 51 – (Polling District and Places Review).

(2) To note a Minute from the Cabinet.

- Minute 47 – (Fire safety in high-rise residential blocks of flats).

7. **Motions**

(a) **Motion - Tree Maintenance**

Councillor Chris Watts will move:

“This Council:

- Recognises the concerns of local residents regarding the current Council policy not to maintain trees the Council are responsible for, unless they are a safety risk. There is no longer maintenance of Council trees to control the impact on the public realm or on peoples’ properties.
- Is concerned this policy particularly impacts on residents in the borough who are vulnerable, elderly or disabled, who have to pay for the impact overgrown trees are having on their properties.
- Requests the Director of Law and Democratic Services review its current tree maintenance policy to assess if it is in contravention of the Equality Act (2010) for not putting in place support to vulnerable, elderly or disabled residents unable to mitigate the impact of this policy on their properties.

(b) **Motion - Pay Claim**

Councillor Jim Grant will move and Councillor Kevin Small will second:

“This Council:

- Notes that Swindon Council workers have been subject to eight consecutive annual real terms pay cut since 2009. Within the context of rising living costs, this has resulted in real terms pay cuts of 21% for public sector workers.
- Notes the Trade Unions’ pay claim of a 5% increase on all pay points for Swindon Council workers, including the deletion of pay points on the Swindon Pay & Grading Spine of J1, J2, J3, and K1 to ensure no local government worker falls below the real Living Wage (as set by the Living Wage Foundation).
- Requests the Leader of the Council write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, calling on him to use the Autumn Statement to provide extra funding to give to schools and local authorities for their workers to get a real terms pay rise.”

- 8. Adoption of the South Marston Neighbourhood Plan** (Pages 51 - 54)
To consider any reports required by statute to be considered by Full Council.
- 9. Appointments to Committees and Other Bodies**
To approve changes to the Council's membership of Committees and Outside Bodies.
- 10. Indicative Calendars of Meetings 2018/19 and 2019/20** (Pages 55 - 62)
To consider an indicative Calendar of Meetings for the Municipal Years 2018/19 and 2019/20.
- 11. Minutes of Cabinet and Decisions Delegated to Cabinet Members**
(Pages 63 - 76)
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.
- 12. 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.
- 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.