

Minutes of The Cabinet

**Wednesday 17 February at 3.30pm
Online Virtual Meeting**

Present: Councillor Crompton (Chair);
Councillors Ali, Allcock, Millard, Padda, Shaeen, Singh,
Taylor and Underhill.

In attendance: Councillors E M Giles and L Giles.

Officers: David Stevens (Chief Executive),
Neil Cox (Director – Prevention and Protection),
Rebecca Maher (Acting Section 151 Officer),
Sue Stanhope (Interim Director – Human Resources),
Tammy Stokes (Interim Director – Regeneration and
Growth), Surjit Tour (Director - Law and Governance and
Monitoring Officer),
Elaine Newsome (Service Manager – Democracy),
Sue Knowles (Head of ICT and Revenue and Benefits)
and
Suky Suthi-Nagra (Democratic Services Manager).

24/21 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors Preece and Rollins.

25/21 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no interests declared at the meeting.



26/21 **Additional Item of Business**

There were no additional items of business to consider.

27/21 **Consultation with Non-Domestic Ratepayers on Budget proposals 2021-22 to 2023-24**

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1992, the Cabinet met to consult with representatives of non-domestic ratepayers, on its proposals for expenditure for 2021-22 and 2023-24.

Two representatives attended the meeting. One representative, who was also a Sandwell Business Ambassador, sought clarity on how to promote business growth in the borough.

In response, members of the Cabinet thanked business representatives for their interest and attendance and emphasised its commitment to engagement with businesses in Sandwell. Invitations would be going out to the business community in due course, inviting them to attend a Cabinet Workshop as a means of enhancing working relationships and further develop economic growth within Sandwell.

Meeting ended at 3.41pm

To watch this meeting go to [click here](#)

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