
Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council, to be held at the Sandwell Council House, Oldbury, on Tuesday, 8th March, 2016 at 6.00pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business:-

Agenda

The Mayor of Sandwell, Councillor B Price, in the Chair

1. To receive apologies for absence (if any).
2. Declarations of interests in any matters to be discussed at the meeting.
3. To confirm as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 12th January, 2016.
4. To receive announcements from the Mayor.
5. To receive petitions under Standing Order No. 5.
6. To consider written questions under Standing Order No. 6 to:-
 - (a) the Mayor;
 - (b) the Leader of the Council;
 - (c) any other member of the Cabinet;
 - (d) any person appointed to preside at a committee, sub-committee or panel;

- (e) the members of the Council nominated pursuant to Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1985, on the discharge of the functions of the following Joint Authorities:-
 - (i) West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority (Councillor J Edwards);
 - (ii) West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority (Councillor R L Horton);
 - (f) a nominated member appointed by the Council to the Board of Sandwell Leisure Trust;
 - (g) a member of the Council who is, as a result of action taken by or on behalf of the Council, a member or director of any company.
7. To consider the recommendations of the Cabinet relating to the Council's Finances 2016/17 to 2019/20 and to set the amount of the Council Tax for the Borough for the chargeable financial year beginning 1 April, 2016 (Key Decision Ref. No. FR038).
 8. Approval of Draft Order to establish a Combined Authority.
 9. Annual Pay Policy Statement – 2016.
 10. Annual Report of the Planning Committee for 2015.
 11. Reports from members nominated pursuant to Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1985 and the Council's representative on the West Midlands Police and Crime Panel.
 12. To receive the minutes of the meetings of the Cabinet held on 13th January, 3rd, 10th and 24th February 2016 and to consider any policy and/or strategic recommendations arising from the meetings and to raise questions, if any, of the Leader and members of the Cabinet on any other issues contained within the minutes:-
 - (i) Council Finances 2016/17 to 2019/20 (Key Decision Ref. No. FR038) **(see agenda item 7 above)**.

13. To receive the key actions arising from the following Scrutiny Boards and to raise questions, if any, of the Chairs of the Boards on the Key Actions:-
- (a) Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Board on 11th February, 2016;
 - (b) Children's Services and Education Scrutiny Board on 22nd February, 2016;
 - (c) Community Safety, Highways and Environment Scrutiny Board on 10th February, 2016;
 - (d) Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board on 7th January, 2016;
 - (e) Housing Scrutiny Board on 23rd February, 2016;
 - (f) Jobs, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board on 16th February, 2016;
 - (g) Leisure, Culture and the Third Sector Scrutiny Board on 15th February, 2016.
14. To consider the minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 21st January, 2016 and to raise questions, if any, of the Chair of the Committee on issues contained therein.

Dated 29th February, 2016

**Jan Britton
Chief Executive**

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West Midlands

To: All Members of the Council

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