
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 16th January 2018 at 6.00pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business:-

Agenda

The Mayor of Sandwell, Councillor Haque, 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 extraordinary and ordinary meetings of Council held on 17th October 2017.
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 Combined Authority (the Leader);
 - (ii) West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority (Councillor J Edwards);
 - (iii) Transport for the West Midlands (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. Sandwell Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2016-17.
 8. Grant of Dispensations to Members.
 9. Budget 2018-19 to 2020-21.
 10. Senior Management Arrangements in Children Services – Appointment to the post of Director of Children Services.
 11. Corporate Parenting Board Update.
 12. To receive the minutes of the meetings of the Cabinet held on 18th October, 15th November and 13th December 2017 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) Code of Corporate Governance (Key Decision Ref. No. SMBC04/12/2017);
 - (ii) Council Tax Base 2018/19 (Key Decision Ref. No. SMBC07/12/2017);
 - (iii) Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2018/2019 (Key Decision Ref. No. SMBC08/12/2017).

13. To consider the minutes of the meetings of the Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Management Board held on 22nd November 2017 and to raise questions, if any, of the Chair of the Board on issues contained therein.
14. To consider the minutes of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee held on 19th October 2017 and to raise questions, if any, of the Chair of the Committee on issues contained therein.
15. To consider the minutes of the Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee held on 3rd November and 8th December 2017 and to raise questions, if any, of the Chair of the Committee on issues contained therein.
16. To consider the minutes of the General Purposes and Arbitration Committee held on 9th October and 20th November 2017 and to raise questions, if any, of the Chair of the Committee on issues contained therein.
17. Appointment of Independent Person for Standards matters and Independent Member to the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee.
18. Request for Extension of Six Month Attendance Rule.

Dated 8th January 2018

**Jan Britton
Chief Executive**

Sandwell Council House
Freeth Street, Oldbury
West Midlands

To: All Members of the Council

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