
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 5th March 2019 at 6.00pm for the purpose of transacting the following business:-

Agenda

The Mayor of Sandwell, Councillor Edis, 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 Council held on 15th January 2019.
4. To receive announcements from the Mayor.
5. To receive petitions under Standing Order No. 5.
6. Election of Leader of the Council.
7. 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.

Matters requiring approval or consideration by Council

- 8. To consider the Council Finances 2019-20 to 2021-22 (named vote required for this item).
- 9. To consider the Council Tax Reduction Scheme.
- 10. To consider the Council Tax Award of Discount.
- 11. To consider the Pay Policy and Gender Pay Gap Reporting.
- 12. To receive the Planning Committee Annual Report 2018.
- 13. (a) Report from the Council's lead representative on the West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority;
- (b) Report from the Council's lead representative on the Transport for the West Midlands;
- (c) Report from the Council's lead representative on the West Midlands Police and Crime Panel.
- 14. Vacancies on Committees and Boards

15. To receive the minutes of the meetings of the Cabinet held on 30th January and 6th and 20th February 2019 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 2019/20 to 2021/22.
16. To consider the minutes of the meetings of the Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Management Board held on 9th January and 12th February 2019 and to raise questions, if any, of the Chair of the Board on issues contained therein.
17. To consider the minutes of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee held on 10th January 2019 and to raise questions, if any, of the Chair of the Committee on issues contained therein.
18. To consider the minutes of the General Purposes and Arbitration Committee held on 4th March 2019 and to raise questions, if any, of the Chair of the Committee on issues contained therein.

Dated 25th February 2019

**Jan Britton
Chief Executive**

Sandwell Council House
Freeth Street, Oldbury
West Midlands

To: All Members of the Council

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