

## **Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council**

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**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 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 6.00pm for the purpose of transacting the following business:-**

### **Agenda**

#### **The Mayor of Sandwell, Councillor Dr Jaron, in the Chair**

This agenda gives notice of items to be considered in private as required by Regulations 5 (4) and (5) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

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 extraordinary and ordinary meetings of Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020.
4. To consider any urgent business (with prior approval by the Mayor).
5. To receive announcements from the Mayor.
6. To receive petitions under Standing Order No. 5.

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 Akhter);
  - (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. Sandwell Council Corporate Plan - 'Big Plans for a Great Place for the People of Sandwell 2020 – 2025'.
- 9. Sandwell's Inclusive Economy Deal.
- 10. Council Finances 2020/21 to 2022/23.
- 11. Pay Policy 2020 and Gender Pay Gap Reporting.

12. (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;
  - (d) Report from the Council's lead representative on the West Midlands Combined Authority.
13. To receive the Scrutiny Boards Update.
  14. Appointment of Independent Person pursuant to the Localism Act 2011.
  15. To consider and approve appointments to Committees, Outside Bodies and Fora.
  16. To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020 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.
  17. To receive the minutes of the Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020 and to raise questions, if any, of the Chair of the Committee on issues contained therein.

18. To consider the following notice of motion received under Standing Order No. 7:-

**Proposer: Councillor Ali**

**Seconder: Councillor Shaeen**

This matter to be considered without reference to a Committee, to the Cabinet or to a Cabinet Member:

“This Council recognises the pressing urgency of tackling climate change. The consequences of global temperature rising above 1.5°C are so severe that preventing this from happening must be humanity’s number one priority.

Climate change requires urgent action by all levels of government who have a duty to limit the negative impacts of environmental change.

Towns and cities are uniquely placed to lead society in reducing carbon emissions. Sandwell Council’s draft Climate Change Strategy commits the Council to achieving carbon neutrality across the Borough by 2041 with the Council achieving this target for its own buildings by no later than 2030.

This Council declares a climate emergency.

In making this declaration, we commit to:

- Climate change as priority focus for the Council;
- Working collectively with our partners and citizens toward achievement of our carbon zero goal through the implementation, appropriate resourcing and monitoring progress of the Council’s Climate Change Strategy.”

**Dated 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020**

**David Stevens**  
**Chief Executive**

Sandwell Council House  
Freeth Street, Oldbury  
West Midlands

**To: All Members of the Council**

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