

Agenda Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council, to be held on Tuesday, 26 July 2022 at 6.00 pm for the purpose of transacting the following business:-

The Mayor of Sandwell, Councillor Richard Jones, in the Chair

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| 1 | Apologies for Absence | 9 - 10 |
| | To receive apologies for absence (if any). | |
| 2 | Declarations of Interest | 11 - 12 |
| | Members to declare any interests in matters to be discussed at the meeting. | |
| 3 | Minutes | 13 - 28 |
| | To confirm, as a correct record, the minutes of the annual meeting of Council held on 24 May 2022 and the meeting of Council held on 7 June 2022. | |
| 4 | Urgent Business | 29 - 30 |
| | To consider any urgent business (with prior approval by the Mayor). | |



5	Mayor's Announcements	31 - 34
	To receive announcements from the Mayor.	
6	Petitions	35 - 36
	To receive petitions under Standing Order No. 5.	
7	Written Questions	37 - 40
	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 Jalil);	
	(iii) Transport for the West Midlands (Councillor Webb);	
	(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.	

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| 8 | Governance Review - Proposed Changes to the Council's Constitution | 41 - 150 |
| | To consider changes to the Council's Constitution as part of the Governance Review. | |
| 9 | Council Election Cycle - Consultation to explore a change to the current schedule of elections in Sandwell | 151 - 178 |
| | To consider a consultation to explore a change to the schedule of elections. | |
| 10 | Proposed Departure from the Development Plan at land Newcomen Drive Open Space, Newcomen Drive, Tipton | 179 - 184 |
| | To consider a departure from the Local Development Plan. | |
| 11 | Delegation of decision-making authority to Birmingham City Council to determine cross-boundary planning application for proposed demolition of structures at land to the rear of Anderson Road, Smethwick and erection of two-storey building to provide 17 assisted living units with associated car parking and landscaping | 185 - 190 |
| | To consider delegation of decision-making authority in relation to a cross-boundary planning application at Anderson Road, Smethwick. | |
| 12 | Annual Report of Licensing Committee 2021-2022 | 191 - 210 |
| | To receive the annual report of the Licensing Committee 2021-2022. | |

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| 13 | Constitution and Political Balance of Committees and Boards and Revised Appointments to Committees, Boards and Other Bodies | 211 - 216 |
| | To consider the revised political balance and appointments to committees. | |
| 14 | To receive the minutes of Cabinet | 217 - 260 |
| | To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 22 June 2022. | |
| 15 | To receive the minutes of the Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Management Board | 261 - 266 |
| | To receive the minutes of the Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Management Board held on 13 July 2022. | |
| 16 | To receive the minutes of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee | 267 - 276 |
| | To receive the minutes of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee held on 28 June 2022. | |
| 17 | To receive the minutes of the Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee | 277 - 282 |
| | To receive the minutes of the Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee held on 21 June 2022. | |
| 18 | Notice of Motions | |
| | To consider the following motions received under Standing Order No. 7:- | |

18.1 Programme of Investment in Infrastructure and Community Resources

Proposer: Councillor Williams

Secunder: Councillor Wilkes

“This council requests that the cabinet member for Regeneration and Growth together with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources explore options to increase funding to wards within the Borough that have the highest levels of deprivation with a view to creating a programme of investment in infrastructure and community resources including community centres, youth provision and parks; to help increase pride within the local communities, support vulnerable people and reduce crime.”

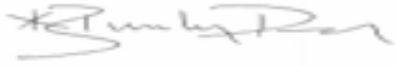
18.2 Revision to Standing Orders

283 - 284

Proposer: Councillor William Gill

Secunder: Councillor Chapman

That this Council welcomes the ongoing governance review through a recognition of the need for scrutiny from members of the Council and members of the public. That this Council reaffirms its commitment to openness and transparency by recognising the position of other local authorities like Birmingham City Council and calling on the Governance and Constitution Review Committee to consider an amendment to the constitution that enables the introduction of a standing agenda item that allows for written questions from members of the public in line with the draft standing order which is attached as Appendix A. This Council consequently resolves through a request that this matter is referred to the Governance and Constitution Review Meeting of 13 September which would enable any decision to be ratified by the Council at the earliest available opportunity which would be the October 25 Council.



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