

Agenda Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council, to be held on Tuesday, 8 November 2022 at 6.30 pm for the purpose of transacting the following business:-

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

REVISED AGENDA

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| 1 | Apologies for Absence | 9 - 10 |
| | To receive any apologies for absence. | |
| 2 | Declarations of Interest | 11 - 12 |
| | Members to declare any interests in matters to be discussed at the meeting. | |
| 3 | Minutes | 13 - 22 |
| | To confirm the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 26 July 2022 as a correct record. | |
| 4 | Urgent Business | 23 - 24 |
| | To consider any urgent business (with prior approval by the Mayor). | |
| 5 | Mayor's Announcements | 25 - 26 |
| | To receive announcements from the Mayor. | |



6	Petitions	27 - 28
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To receive petitions under Standing Order No. 5.

7	Written Questions	29 - 30
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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.

8	Governance Review - Proposed Changes to the Council's Constitution	31 - 220
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To consider proposed changes to the Council's Constitution.

9 **Scrutiny Review** 221 - 268

To approve changes as part of the Scrutiny Review.

10 **Constitution and Political Balance of Committees and Boards and Revised Appointments to Committees, Boards and Other Bodies** 269 - 274

To consider the revised political balance and appointments to committees.

11 **Annual Report of Scrutiny Boards 2021-2022** 275 - 302

To receive the annual report of Scrutiny Boards for 2021-2022.

12 **Annual Report of the Audit and Risk Committee 2021-2022** 303 - 314

To receive the annual report of the Audit and Risk Committee 2021- 2022.

13 **Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1985 Update** 315 - 360

To receive updates from the Council's lead representatives on:-

- (a) West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority;
- (b) Transport for the West Midlands;
- (c) West Midlands Police and Crime Panel;
- (d) West Midlands Combined Authority.

14 **To receive the minutes of Cabinet** 361 - 462

To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 20 July, 17 August and 28 September 2022 and consider the recommendation arising:-

- (a) Proposal to Declare the Whole of Sandwell as a Smoke Control Area.

- 15 **To receive the minutes of the Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Management Board** 463 - 494

To receive the minutes of the Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Management Board held on 28 July, 8 August, 22 September and 13 October 2022.

- 16 **To receive the minutes of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee** 495 - 506

To receive the minutes of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee held on 21 July 2022.

- 17 **Notice of Motions**

To consider the following motions received under Standing Order No. 7:-

17(a) **NHS**

Proposer: Councillor Padda
Seconder: Councillor Webb

This council notes:

1. The vital role played by NHS staff and other essential workers during the Covid-19 pandemic in the UK.
2. The demands by the Royal College of Nursing for urgent action by governments across the UK to tackle the issues of nursing shortages and fair pay for nursing staff.
3. A recent survey of 150 hospital chief

executives, by NHS Providers, revealed 27 per cent have set up food banks to support staff

4. Only 56% of new people joining the UK nursing register in 2021 were educated and trained in the UK, exposing a longstanding over-reliance on international recruitment potentially at a cost to other countries needing to retain their workforce. Giving nurses a fair pay rise would be cheaper than recruiting new nurses from abroad as nursing staff seek opportunities elsewhere.

This Council calls upon the Leader of the Council to write to the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care urging them to take action to deal with the issue of low pay amongst nursing and other NHS staff by agreeing to a pay increase in line with inflation in order to prevent the drift away from nursing, and avoid having to recruit from abroad or using agency staff to fill vacancies.

17(b) Road Closures for Coronation

Proposer: Councillor W Gill
Seconder: Councillor Dunn

That this Council recognises the historical significance of the coronation of HRH King Charles III which is planned for May 6th, 2023, and therefore resolves to invite the executive to consider waiving the fees for temporary road closures over this weekend to allow the residents of Sandwell to come together to celebrate.

18 To receive the recommendations of the Chief Officers Terms and Conditions Committee

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Officers Terms and Conditions Committee.



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