

Agenda Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council, to be held on Tuesday, 21 February 2023 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 - 24 |
| | To confirm the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 31 January 2023 as a correct record. | |
| 4 | Urgent Business | 25 - 26 |
| | To consider any urgent business (with prior approval by the Mayor). | |
| 5 | Mayor's Announcements | 27 - 28 |
| | To receive announcements from the Mayor. | |



6	Petitions	29 - 30
	To receive petitions under Standing Order No. 8.	
7	Written Questions	31 - 34
	To consider written questions under Standing Order No. 9 from	
	(a) Elected Members	
	(b) Members of the Public	
	to:-	
	(i) the Mayor;	
	(ii) the Leader of the Council;	
	(iii) any other member of the Cabinet;	
	(iv) any person appointed to preside at a committee, sub-committee or panel;	
	(v) 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);	
	(vi) a nominated member appointed by the Council to the Board of Sandwell Leisure Trust;	
	(vii) 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 | General Fund and HRA Budget and Capital Programme & Council Tax Resolution 2023/24 | 35 - 270 |
| | To approve the general fund and housing revenue account budget, capital programme and Council Tax for 2023/24. | |
| 9 | Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme | 271 - 404 |
| | To approve the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2023/24. | |
| 10 | Revisions to Appointments to Committees, Boards and Other Bodies | 405 - 408 |
| | To approve any revisions to the appointments to Committees, Boards and other bodies. | |
| 11 | To receive minutes of Cabinet | 409 - 436 |
| | To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 18 January 2023 and consider the recommendations arising from the meeting held on 15 February 2023:- | |
| | (a) Revenues and Benefits Policy Framework 2023/24 – Council Tax Award of Discount Policy 2023/24. | |
| 12 | Notices of Motion | |
| | To consider the following motions received under Standing Order No. 12:- | |

12)(a) **Tackling Fly-Tipping in Sandwell**

Proposer: Councillor Chapman

Secunder: Councillor Dunn

“This council notes that:

1. Government data for the year 2021/22 shows that local authorities in England dealt with 1.09 million fly-tipping incidents.
2. That there are significant resident concerns regarding incidents of fly-tipping all across Sandwell.
3. Fly-tipping on privately owned land is a significant issue in Sandwell.
 - a. Our street cleaning teams do their very best, under difficult circumstances, to clear fly-tips when they occur on council owned land, highways and pavements.

This council resolves to:

1. Invite the Executive to consider extending free bulk waste collection service for large items, such as sofas and mattresses for all Sandwell residents.
2. Take a zero-tolerance approach to fly-tipping on privately owned land in Sandwell. Ensuring that land managers, occupiers or owners of private property are responsible for clearing and disposing of any fly-tipping found on private land as soon as this is reported with enforcement action taken if not cleared within a reasonable timescale.

These measures are proposed to encourage local people to dispose of their waste items through the proper channels rather than dumping them in the streets or storing them outside of properties.”

12(b) **Dropped Kerbs Initiative**

Proposer: Councillor Kalari

Secunder: Councillor Anandou

This council acknowledges the need for off street parking and its effect on road safety in residential areas. We acknowledge that with the current cost of living crisis and the annual increase of cars on the road, it is imperative that we are innovative in our approach to making off street parking as affordable and accessible for all residents.

The council moves to invite the executive to explore the benefits of establishing a local authority Company to carry out the installation of dropped kerbs at an affordable price to residents.

12(c) **Investment in Defibrillators**

Proposer: Councillor W Gill

Secunder: Councillor Fisher

This Council recognises the importance of having defibrillators accessible, especially in public places, sports grounds and Government funded facilities.

This Council understands the role that it has in facilitating the delivery of new defibrillators across our Borough.

This Council acknowledges the benefits of the new rollout of defibrillators by the Government to all state-funded schools that currently don't have one, with over 20,000 expected to be delivered by the end of the academic year to 18,000 schools.

This Council commits to working with the local community to find suitable places to place defibrillators, acknowledging that they are most effective within 3 minutes of a person collapsing.

This Council, therefore, resolves to invite the executive to commission a report into the accessibility of defibrillators in Sandwell and take any steps necessary to ensure that there is a defibrillator within a 3-minute radius of our town centres and high-streets.



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