

Agenda Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council, to be held on Tuesday, 25 July 2023 at 6.00 pm for the purpose of transacting the following business:-

The Mayor of Sandwell, Councillor Bill Gavan, 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 - 20 |
| | To confirm the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 13 June 2023 as a correct record. | |
| 4 | Urgent Business | 21 - 22 |
| | To consider any urgent business (with prior approval by the Mayor). | |
| 5 | Announcements | 23 - 24 |
| | To receive announcements from the Chief Executive and The Mayor. | |



6 **Petitions** 25 - 26

To receive petitions under Standing Order No. 8

7 **Written Questions** 27 - 28

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 Choudhry);
- (vi) 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 | Proposed Departure from Development Plan - Turners Hill, Rowley Regis | 29 - 44 |
| | To consider a departure from the development plan in respect of land at Turners Hill, Rowley Regis. | |
| 9 | Proposed Departure from Development Plan - Lower High Street, Rowley Regis | 45 - 78 |
| | To consider a departure from the development plan in respect of land at Lower High Street, Rowley Regis. | |
| 10 | Annual Report of Licensing Committee 2022-2023 | 79 - 96 |
| | To receive the Annual Report of the Licensing Committee 2022-2023 | |
| 11 | Annual Report of the Planning Committee 2022-2023 | 97 - 110 |
| | To receive the Annual Report of the Planning Committee 2022-2023 | |
| 12 | Appointments to Committees, Boards and Other Bodies and Revision to Terms of Reference | 111 - 122 |
| | To consider the appointments of Committees, Boards, and other bodies and revision to the Terms of Reference for General Purposes and Arbitration Committee. | |
| 13 | To receive the minutes of Cabinet | 123 - 134 |
| | To receive the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 7 June 2023. | |

- 14 **To receive minutes of the Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Management Board** 135 - 148

To receive the minutes of the meetings of the Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Management Board held on 6 and 29 June 2023.

- 15 **To receive the minutes of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee** 149 - 154

To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee held on 5 June 2023.

- 16 **Notices of Motion** 155 - 156

To consider the following motions received under Standing Order No. 12:-

- 16(a) **Call for a ban on disposable single-use barbecues**

Proposer: Councillor Rollins
Secunder: Councillor Padda

“This Council believes that the Government should take action on banning the sale and use of disposable barbecues to prevent further devastating grass fires and habitat destruction.

Last summer, we saw a number of fire incidents across the country including at Swan Pool and Sheepwash amongst others, as well as the devastating fire at neighbouring Lickey Hills Country Park seeing the destruction of 5 hectares of valuable heathland.

We acknowledge the measures that the Government has put in place around user responsibility and packaging instructions, however, firmly believe that this does not go far enough.

The disposal of these barbecues remains a challenge for our staff, who encounter their remnants on a regular basis, and while we acknowledge that local authorities can impose restrictions through Public Space Protection Orders, effectively monitoring and enforcing this across our extensive parkland and green spaces would be nearly impossible.

We appreciate that a number of retailers have voluntarily chosen to cease selling disposable barbecues, including independent retailers close to our parks, however these items are still widely available

In addition, we are fully committed to reducing waste and in particular, single use items wherever possible and it is imperative that we tackle this issue collectively.

This Council calls on the Leader of the Council to write to the Minister of State for Crime, Policing and Fire to call for the ban on disposable single-use barbecues.

In addition, to commence a public awareness campaign on the risks and dangers of disposable barbecues and a campaign to local retailers to cease the sale of disposable barbecues.”

16(b) **Tipton Flood Defence Strategy**

Proposer: Councillor William Gill
Secunder: Councillor Wilkes

That this council recognises the impact on people and businesses in Tipton following the recent flash floods across the town.

And this council therefore recognises and reaffirms its duty to improve flood defences across Tipton.

And this council invites the executive to create Tipton Flood Defence Strategy placing an emphasis on improving on drainage efficiency.

16(c) **Police Stations Proposal**

Proposer: Councillor A Williams
Secunder: Councillor Chapman

This council welcomes the positive news regarding Tipton Police station and thanks all involved for campaigning to keep the Police Station open.

That this council welcomes the benefits of neighbourhood focused policing and agrees that one police station based in West Bromwich for the towns of Oldbury, Wednesbury and Tipton would be unsuitable for the needs of the local communities.

That this council condemn the proposals to close Wednesbury police station and Oldbury station and writes to the PCC to request that he U-turns on his unjustified decision to shut Wednesbury and Oldbury Station.

16(d) **Shadow Cabinet**

Proposer: Councillor D Fisher
Seconder: Councillor W Gill

That this council recognises the benefit of a strong opposition in promoting accountability and scrutiny within the authority.

This council recognises the benefits of a shadow cabinet and its role in promoting accountability.

This council calls on the Governance and Constitution Committee to investigate the feasibility of a shadow cabinet and to report back to this Council on their findings at the next full council meeting.



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