

# Agenda Council

**You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council, to be held on Tuesday, 30 January 2024 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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| <b>1</b> | <b>Apologies for Absence</b>   | <b>7 - 8</b>   |
|          | To receive apologies for absence (if any).   |                |
| <b>2</b> | <b>Declarations of Interest</b>  | <b>9 - 10</b>  |
|          | Members to declare any interests in matters to be discussed at the meeting.                    |                |
| <b>3</b> | <b>Minutes</b>   | <b>11 - 54</b> |
|          | To confirm the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 12 December 2023 as a correct record. |                |
| <b>4</b> | <b>Announcements</b>   |                |
|          | To receive announcements from the Chief Executive and the Mayor.                               |                |



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.

### **Decisions**

To approve the Treasury Management Mid-Year Review 2023/24.

7 **Appointment of Independent Person for Standards Matters** 75 - 78

To consider the extension of the appointment of Mr Richard Phillips, Independent Person for Standards Matters, for a further four-year period ending 11 March 2028.

8 **Proposed departure from the Development Plan at Land West Of Bridge Street North, Smethwick, B66 2BJ** 79 - 84

To consider a proposed departure from the local development plan in relation to Planning Application DC/23/67863.

### **Procedural Matters**

9 **Political Balance of Committees and Boards** 85 - 90

To consider the political balance for the remainder of the 2023-24 municipal year.

10 **Revisions to Committees, Boards and Other Bodies** 91 - 94

To consider revisions to the appointments of Committees, Boards and other bodies.

11 **Notices of Motion**

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

11(a) **Support the introduction of Bus Franchising in the West Midlands** 95 - 96

11(b) **Dependent Carers Allowance** 97 - 98

11(c) **Re-instating of a Justice Centre in Sandwell** 99 - 100

11(d) **A borough of Six Equal Towns!** 101 - 102

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**Chief Executive**

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Councillor

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