

Agenda Council

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You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council, to be held on Tuesday, 20 February 2024 at 6.00 pm for the purpose of transacting the following business:-

The Mayor of Sandwell, Councillor Bill Gavan , In the Chair

1 Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence (if any).

2 Declarations of Interest

Members to declare any interests in matters to be discussed at the meeting.

3 Minutes

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To confirm the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 30 January 2024 as a correct record.

4 Announcements

To receive announcements from the Chief Executive and the Mayor.

5 Written Questions

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To consider written questions in accordance with Standing Order No. 9 of the Council Procedure Rules, from -

- (a) Elected Members
- (b) Members of the Public

6 Improvement Plan Progress - Grant Thornton Follow-up Report 2023

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To receive Grant Thornton's Value for Money Governance Review Follow Up Review Report of December 2023

Decisions

- 7 **General Fund and Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget and Capital Programme & Council Tax Resolution 2024/25** 87 - 440

To approve the general fund and housing revenue account budget, capital programme and Council Tax for 2024/25.

- 8 **Cabinet Recommendations to Council** 441 - 486

To consider the recommendation arising from the meeting of Cabinet on 17 January 2024.

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- [General Purposes and Arbitration Committee.](#)



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