

Summons and 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, 19 March 2024 at 6.15 pm (or on the rising of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council) for the purpose of transacting the following business:-

The Mayor of Sandwell, Councillor Bill Gavan MBE, 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 20 February 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 under Standing Order No. 9 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.

7 **Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1985 Update** 421 - 468

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.

8 **Performance Champions – Progress Report** 469 - 480

To receive a progress report from Performance Champions.

9 **Corporate Parenting Board Work Progress** 481 - 526

To receive an update on the work and progress of the Corporate Parenting Board.

Decisions

10 **Sandwell Council submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) - proposed council size** 527 - 696

To approve the submission and accompanying documentation to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE), fulfilling stage one of the LHBCE electoral Review.

11 **Pay Policy 2024 & Gender Pay Gap Reporting** 697 - 710

To consider the Pay Policy 2023 and Gender Pay Gap Report.

Dated: 11 March 2024



Shokat Lal

Chief Executive

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Distribution

Councillors Abrahams, Akpoteni, Allcock, M Allcock, Anandou, Ashraf, H Bhullar, Carmichael, Chambers, Chapman, Chidley, Choudhry, Crompton, Davies, Dhariwal, Dhatt, Dunn, Fenton, Fisher, Fitzgerald, Gavan MBE, J Giles, L Giles, E M Giles, S Gill, W Gill, Hackett, Hartwell, Hemingway, Hinchliff, Hughes, A Hussain, Jalil, Johnston, Kalari, Kalebe-Nyamongo, Kaur, Khan, Khatun, Kordala, Lewis, Loan, Maycock, Mayo, Melia, Millard, Millar, Moore, Muflihi, Owen, Padda, Pall, Piper, Preece, Rahman, Randhawa, Rollins, Shaeen, J Singh, N Singh, V Smith, Taylor, Tipper, Tromans, Trumpeter, Uddin, Uppal, J Webb, Weston, Wilkes, Williams and Younis.

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