

# SUMMONS

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**Council Meeting (Budget Meeting)**

Date: **24 February 2015**

Time: **10.30 am**

Place: **Council Chamber - County Hall, Trowbridge BA14 8JN**

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## **PART I**

Items to be considered while the meeting is open to the public

1 **Apologies**

2 **Minutes of Previous Meetings** (*Pages 7 - 86*)

To approve as correct records and sign the minutes of the last ordinary meeting held on 21 October 2014 and the Extraordinary meeting held on 20 January 2015.

3 **Declarations of Interest**

To receive any declarations of disclosable interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.

4 **Announcements by the Chairman**

5 **Petitions**

5a) **Petitions Received**

No petitions have been received for presentation to this meeting.

5b) **Petitions Update** (*Pages 87 - 90*)

Report of the Democratic Governance Manager.

6 **Public Participation**

The Council welcomes contributions from members of the public.

**Statements**

If you would like to make a statement at this meeting on any item on this agenda, please register to do so at least 10 minutes prior to the meeting. Up to 3 speakers are permitted to speak for up to 3 minutes each on any agenda item. Please contact the officer named above for any further clarification.

**Questions**

To receive any questions from members of the public received in accordance with the constitution. Those wishing to ask questions are required to give notice of any such questions in writing to the officer named above (acting on behalf of the Corporate Director) no later than 5pm on 17 February 2015. Please contact the officer named on the first page of this agenda for further advice. Questions may be asked without notice if the Chairman decides that the matter is urgent.

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## **BUDGET 2015/16**

To consider Wiltshire Council's Financial Plan  
The updated Budget Report, Budget Book and Fees and Charges as  
proposed can be accessed on the following link of the Council's website:

<http://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=1160&MId=9390&Ver=4>

### 7 **Wiltshire Council Financial Plan 2015/16**

- 7a) **Leader's Budget Speech (To be tabled)**
- 7b) **Proposed Amendments to the Budget proposals from the Liberal Democrat Group, with the comments of the relevant Statutory Officer.**  
*(Pages 91 - 98)*
- 7c) **The reports of the Special Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee held on 4 February (attached) and 13 February 2015 (to follow)** *(Pages 99 - 108)*
- 7d) **Relevant extract of the minutes of Cabinet held on 10 February 2015**  
*(Pages 109 - 110)*
- 7e) **Financial Plan - Report by Michael Hudson, Associate Director Finance and S.151 officer**
- 7f) **Council Tax Setting 2015/2016** *(Pages 111 - 132)*

### 8 **Proposed Council Tax Reduction Scheme** *(Pages 133 - 166)*

Report by Carolyn Godfrey, Corporate Director

### 9 **Treasury Management Strategy 2015/16** *(Pages 167 - 190)*

Report by Carolyn Godfrey, Corporate Director

## **POLICY FRAMEWORK**

Under its Constitution, the Council is responsible for approving the Policy Framework of the Council expressed in various plans and strategies which includes the subjects referred to in items below.

### 10 **Child Poverty Strategy** *(Pages 191 - 294)*

Report by Maggie Rae and Carolyn Godfrey, Corporate Directors and proposed Child Poverty Strategy.

Recommendation of Cabinet dated 11 November 2014:

**That Cabinet approve the updated strategy and recommend its adoption to Council.**

- 11 **Pay Policy Statement and the Publication of Senior Staff Pay** (*Pages 295 - 310*)

Report by Dr Carlton Brand, Corporate Director

### **COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION**

- 12 **Notices of Motion** (*Pages 311 - 312*)

For Council's ease of reference the rules on how motions on notice are dealt with at Council and guidance on amendments to motions taken from Part 4 of the Council's constitution are attached.

To consider the following notice of motion:

- 12a) **Notice of Motion No. 17 - Council Response Times - Councillors Jon Hubbard and Steve Oldrieve** (*Pages 313 - 314*)

To consider the attached motion.

### **OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

- 13 **Establishment of the Local Pension Board for Wiltshire Council** (*Pages 315 - 336*)

Report by Carolyn Godfrey, Corporate Director

- 14 **Review of Part 3 of the Constitution - Area Board Election of Chairmen and Cabinet Member Representation** (*Pages 337 - 342*)

Report by Ian Gibbons, Associate Director, Legal and Governance, and Monitoring Officer

- 15 **Electoral Registration**

Reports by Dr Carlton Brand, Corporate Director

- 15a) **Appointment of Chief Counting Officer** (*Pages 343 - 344*)

- 15b) **Appointment of Deputy Electoral Registration Officers** (*Pages 345 - 348*)

16 **Review of Proportionality and Allocation of Seats on Committees to Political Groups**

16a) **Review of Committee Places** (*Pages 349 - 356*)

Report by Robin Townsend, Associate Director, Corporate Functions, Procurement and Programme Office

16b) **Membership of Committees and other Bodies**

To determine any requests from Group Leaders for changes to membership of committees in accordance with the allocation of seats to political groups previously approved by the Council and other bodies.

17 **Community Governance Review (Parish Boundaries)** (*Pages 357 - 360*)

Report by Dr Carlton Brand, Corporate Director

18 **Delegation of Executive Authority - Joint Strategic Economic Committee** (*Pages 361 - 388*)

Report by Robin Townsend, Associate Director, Corporate Function, Procurement and Programme Office

19 **Executive Decisions Taken Under Special Urgency Provision** (*Pages 389 - 394*)

Report by Robin Townsend, Associate Director Corporate Function, Procurement and Programme Office

**MINUTES OF CABINET AND COMMITTEES**

20 **Minutes of Cabinet and Committees**

- a. The Chairman will move that Council receives and notes the minutes of Cabinet and the various Committees of the Council and the Fire Authority as listed in the Minutes Book.
- b. The Chairman will invite the Leader, Cabinet members and Chairmen of Committees to make any important announcements.
- c. Councillors will be given the opportunity to raise questions on points of information or clarification on the minutes presented.
- d. Councillors will be given an opportunity to raise any questions on the minutes of the Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority – please submit any questions to Yamina Rhouati by 16 February 2015.
- e. Councillors will be given an opportunity to raise general issues relating to Area Boards but not specific local issues.

21 **Proposed Combined Fire and Rescue Authority for Wiltshire and Dorset**  
(Pages 395 - 442)

Report by Dr Carlton Brand, Carolyn Godfrey and Maggie Rae Corporate Directors together with a report from Councillor Chris Devine in his capacity as chairman of the Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority

The draft minute of Council on this subject dated 21 October can be found from page 14 of this Summons.

**COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS**

22 **Councillors' Questions**

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**PART II**

**Items during consideration of which it is recommended that the public should be excluded because of the likelihood that exempt information would be disclosed.**

None

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