

COUNCIL SUMMONS

You are hereby summoned to attend a Meeting of the COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA to be held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Swansea on Tuesday, 4 November 2014 at 5.00 pm

The following business is proposed to be transacted:

1. **Apologies for Absence.**
2. **Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.** 1 - 2
3. **Minutes.** 3 - 13
To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Council held on 30 September 2014.
4. **Announcements of the Presiding Member.**
5. **Announcements of the Leader of the Council.**
6. **Public Questions.**
Questions must relate to matters on the open part of the Agenda of the meeting and will be dealt within a 10 minute period.
7. **Public Presentation - Gower College Swansea - Swansea, Enterprising Britain Award Winners.**
8. **Report of the Corporate Parenting Forum.**
8.a Corporate Parenting Forum Annual Report 2013-2014. 14 - 41
9. **Report of the Standards Committee.**
9.a Standards Committee Annual Report 2013-2014. 42 - 59
10. **Report of the Director of People and Cabinet Member for Anti Poverty.**
10.a Tackling Poverty Strategy. 60 - 124
11. **Report of the Cabinet Member for Transformation & Performance.**
11.a Membership of Committees. 125 - 126
12. **Report of the Cabinet Member for Wellbeing & Healthy City.**
12.a Proposal to Pass a Resolution Not to Issue Casino Licences and Proposed Amendments to the Council's Gambling Policy. 127 - 149
13. **Reports of the Section 151 Officer.**
13.a Mid Term Budget Statement 2014-2015. 150 - 181
13.b Treasury Management - Mid Year Review Report 2014-2015. (For Information) 182 - 199
14. **Joint Report of the Presiding Member, Monitoring Officer and Head of Democratic Services.**
14.a Amendments to the Council Constitution. 200 - 215

15. Councillors' Questions. **216 - 220**

16. For Information Reports. (Not For Discussion)

16.a Scrutiny Dispatches. **221 - 222**

16.b Written Responses to Questions asked at the Last Ordinary Meeting of Council. **223 - 224**

17. Notice of Motion from Councillors A S Lewis, R C Stewart, C Richards, R Francis-Davies, D H Hopkins, M Thomas, M Child, J A Raynor, J E C Harris, C E Lloyd, W Evans, V M Evans, E T Kirchner, N S Bradley, D W W Thomas, P Lloyd & P M Matthews.

This Council calls on Central Government to introduce legislation to ban the sale of all "Psychoactive Substances", thereby making them illegal. This will enable Local Authorities, in collaboration with the Police, to prosecute High Street Traders, Businesses and Online Companies that provide or sell all products known as "Legal Highs".

'Legal highs' contain one or more chemical substances which produces similar effects to illegal drugs (like cocaine and ecstasy).

'Legal highs' cannot be sold for human consumption. They are often sold as incense, salts or plant food to get around the law. The packaging may describe a list of ingredients but there is no regulation to ensure that this is what the product will contain.

This Council recognises the destructive impact these substances can have on the families of impressionable children and adolescents who are targeted by these companies to consume these highly addictive, psychoactive products. This can in turn cause extreme cases of anti-social behaviour which has a detrimental impact in our communities and on our High Streets with trade being curtailed as shoppers feel intimidated by the unpredictable behaviour of youths under the influence of these toxic products.

We call upon other Welsh Local Authorities, the WLGA and LGA to join us in supporting the introduction of this legislation to empower Councils and the Police to prosecute Traders selling "Psychoactive Substances" and ultimately eliminate these toxic products.



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Wednesday, 22 October 2014

To: All Members of the Council