

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 Thursday, 22 October 2015 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 - 9
To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Council held on 24 September 2015.
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. **Presentation - Syrian Refugee Committee in Swansea.**
8. **Public Presentation - Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board - ARCH (A Regional Collaboration for Health) Programme.**
- Report of the Chief Social Services Officer.**
9. **Chief Social Services Officer Annual Report 2014/15.** 10 - 70
Report of the Section 151 Officer.
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Report of the Cabinet Member for Next Generation Services.
11. **Local Housing Strategy 2015 - 2020.** 105 - 205
Report of the Cabinet Member for Transformation and Performance.
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Joint Report of the Presiding Member, Monitoring Officer and Head of Democratic Services.
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Report of the Chair of the Scrutiny Programme Committee.

15. **Scrutiny Dispatches – Quarterly Impact Report.** 215 - 220

For Information Reports. (Not For Discussion)

16. **Written Responses to Questions asked at the Last Ordinary Meeting of Council.** 221 - 226

17. **Democratic Services Annual Report** 227 - 239

18. **Notice of Motion: Councillors M C Child, R C Stewart, J A Raynor, J E C Harris, C Richards, A S Lewis, C E Lloyd, D H Hopkins, R Francis-Davies, W Evans.**

This Council calls on Welsh Government to introduce minimum unit pricing for alcohol, starting at 50p per unit, as this will have a significant impact on reducing alcohol-related harm. It will also be in line with what's happened in Scotland where legislation has already been passed. Minimum pricing would mean that there is a baseline price for alcohol, below which it couldn't be sold. This would target high strength alcoholic drinks that is sold very cheaply – drinks that are often consumed by the heaviest drinkers, as well as by younger drinkers. Moderate drinkers will feel little effect from minimum pricing. Alcohol-related harm remains one of the biggest health problems facing the UK, with over 10 million adults drinking more than recommended guidelines. Alcohol is a contributor to 60 different diseases and its excessive consumption is a significant cause of premature death in the UK. IT costs the NHS £3.5 billion, while alcohol-related crime costs an estimated £11 billion each year. Approximately 2.6 million children in the UK are living with parents who are drinking dangerous amounts, while over 700,000 live with dependent drinkers. There is a clear link between the price of alcohol and the level of alcohol-related harm, so it goes without saying that the most effective way to reduce harm is to control price and availability.

Date of Next Meeting.

Thursday 26 November 2015 – 5pm.



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Wednesday, 14 October 2015

To: All Members of the Council