

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, Guildhall, Swansea on Thursday, 26 November 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 - 10
To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Council held on 22 October 2015.
4. **Written Responses to Questions asked at the Last Ordinary Meeting of Council.** 11 - 16
5. **Announcements of the Presiding Member.**
6. **Announcements of the Leader of the Council.**
7. **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.
8. **Public Presentation - None.**
9. **Presentation by the Chief Fire Officer, Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service.**
Chris Davies, Chief Fire Officer, will update Members on the geographical challenges, the Authority area, the Service's performance in Swansea, public value, efficiencies and value for money. This will be followed by a question and answer session.
Report of the Cabinet Member for Wellbeing and Healthy City.
10. **Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) Licensing Policy 2016.** 17 - 26
Report of the Cabinet Member for Finance and Strategy.
11. **Council Tax Base Calculation – 2016/2017** 27 - 32
Report of the Cabinet Member for Enterprise, Development & Regeneration.
12. **Review of the Gambling Policy** 33 - 96

Report of the Cabinet Member for Transformation and Performance.

- 13. Membership of Committees. 97 - 98**
Report of the Leader.
- 14. Appointment of Chief Executive. 99 - 108**
Report of the Head of Democratic Services.
- 15. Dispensation for Councillor Leave of Absence - Councillor B G Owen. 109 - 110**
- 16. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPW) Draft Annual Report 2016 - Consultation. 111 - 116**
- 17. Appointment of Community/Town Council Member of Standards Committee. 117 - 128**
- 18. Councillors' Questions. 129 - 137**
- 19. Notice of Motion: Councillors C E Lloyd, R C Stewart, C Richards, M C Child, W Evans, R Francis-Davies, J E C Harris, D H Hopkins, A S Lewis & J A Raynor. 111 - 116**
This Council opposes the introduction of the Trade Union Bill 2015. We ask that this Council write immediately to urge the UK Conservative Government at Westminster to abandon this Bill and make a commitment to work in partnership with the Trade Union movement to achieve a fairer society.
- We believe this bill is driven by Conservative ideology and is an outdated response to the challenges of the 21st century.
- This bill is counterproductive, vindictive, socially divisive, and will lead to more confrontational relationships between employers and employees, and ultimately undermine rather than support the delivery of important public services. Swansea Council already has a long tradition of good relationships with our Trade Union colleagues and fully recognises the extremely important role they play within this organisation, the public and private sectors and the wider community. It is also our view that Swansea Council is more than able to determine the how it interacts with its employees and Trade Unions and does not need legislation on this issue. This Bill is an attack on democracy.
- 20. Notice of Motion: Councillors R C Stewart, C Richards, A S Lewis, J A Raynor, R Francis-Davies, D H Hopkins, W Evans, M C Child, C E Lloyd & J E C Harris. 117 - 128**
PROPOSED REDUCTION IN FEED IN TARIFFS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY SCHEME

This Council protests in the strongest possible terms at the size of the reduction in Feed in Tariffs for solar photo voltaic (PV) installations and to the inadequate notice of the changes, which will have a significant detrimental impact on the delivery of all future renewable energy schemes in Swansea and the UK.

The Council recognises the significant benefit to the environment, the economy and society of the promotion of Solar PV and other forms of renewable energy. These schemes have been subsidised by Government's Feed in Tariff (FiT). The FiT has been a huge success and helped local authorities, Registered Social Landlords and community energy groups to build viable business models for their projects, helping to reduce and localise energy spend, tackle fuel poverty and generate an income to re-invest in the area. The FiT has also been successful in helping to establish a renewable energy industry that now employs an estimated 2,010 people in Wales. These benefits are now at risk of being lost, with an estimated 1,608 jobs (80%) at risk as a result of the proposed 87% cut to the FiT.

This Council calls upon Central Government to reconsider their position in reviewing the scale of the cut in FiTs and implement a regime that makes Solar PV affordable for local communities and ensure changes are introduced so that the industry has sufficient time to adjust, providing stability and maintaining investor confidence in renewable energy schemes.



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Tuesday, 17 November 2015

To: All Members of the Council