



Walsall Council

Corporate & Public Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on: **10 SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 6.00PM**

Your attendance is requested at the above meeting, which will be held at, the Council House, Lichfield Street, Walsall, WS1 1TW.

A list of the items of business to be considered at the meeting, together with any supporting papers is enclosed. Please bring the papers with you to the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP:

Councillor M. Nazir (Chair)
Councillor I. Shires (Vice-Chair)
Councillor P. Bott
Councillor S. Craddock
Councillor C. Creaney
Councillor S. Cooper
Councillor K. Ferguson
Councillor L. Jeavons
Councillor A. Nawaz
Councillor L. Rattigan
Councillor G. Sohal

PORTFOLIO HOLDERS:

Councillor A. Andrew – Deputy Leader and economy, infrastructure and development
Councillor M. Arif – Shared services and procurement
Councillor O. Bennett – Personnel and business support
Councillor A. Harris – Community, leisure and culture
Councillor L. Harrison – Clean and green
Councillor C. Towe – Learning, skills and apprenticeships

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Some items are discussed in private because of their confidential nature, and reports on these are not available for the public. A guide to the types of information which are available to the public can also be found on our website or at the Civic Centre.

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ITEMS FOR BUSINESS

1.	Apologies To receive apologies for absence from Members of the Panel.	
2.	Substitutions To receive notice of any substitutions for a Member of the Panel for the duration of the meeting.	
3.	Declarations of interest and party whip To receive declarations of interest or the party whip from Members in respect of items on the agenda.	
4.	Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (as amended) To agree that the public be excluded from the private session during consideration of the agenda items indicated for the reasons shown on the agenda.	
5.	Minutes of the previous meeting To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting that took place on 27 July 2015.	<u>Enclosed</u>
ITEMS FOR SCRUTINY		
6.	Response to petition: ‘Cut Our Common’ To hear the response from the relevant senior officer to a petition submitted at Council by Councillor Perry requesting changes to the frequency of grass cutting.	<u>Enclosed</u>
7.	Proposals for a Combined Authority for the West Midlands	<u>To Follow</u>
8.	The West Midlands Strategic Transport Plan ‘<i>Movement for Growth</i>’ The creation of a reorganised West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority (ITA) in 2014 saw the need for a new West Midlands-wide Strategic Transport Plan to be created to replace the existing West Midlands Local Transport Plan. The ITA’s West Midlands Strategic Transport Plan ‘ <i>Movement for Growth</i> ’ is currently under public consultation, with comments invited by 16 th October, 2015.	<u>Enclosed</u>
9.	Council purpose and priorities Cabinet have been developing a new Corporate Plan alongside the Budget setting process, to set out their priorities for the next four years. It is anticipated that this plan will be presented to full Council for approval alongside the Budget in February 2016, following consultation and scrutiny.	<u>Enclosed</u>

	Scrutiny are asked to review the emerging purpose and priorities and make any suggestions or recommendations they wish to make to accompany the Cabinet report when it is presented to Council on 21 September 2015.	
10.	Community Cohesion Working Group – terms of reference To consider and approve the terms of reference for the working group.	<u>Enclosed</u>
ITEMS FOR OVERVIEW		
11.	Corporate financial performance – revenue and capital outturn 2014/15 (pre-audit) and update for 2015/16 This report summarises the pre-audit revenue and capital outturn position for the year ended 31 March 2015, subject to external audit, and provides an update on the financial position for 2015/16 (based on the performance for the 2 months to May 2015), for services within the remit of the Committee.	<u>Enclosed</u>
12.	Areas of focus 2015/16 and Forward Plans To review the committees areas of focus for 2015/16 and the forward plans for Walsall Council and Black Country Joint Committee.	<u>Enclosed</u>
13.	Date of next meeting To note that the date of the next meeting will be 22 October 2015.	

The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012

Specified pecuniary interests

The pecuniary interests which are specified for the purposes of Chapter 7 of Part 1 of the Localism Act 2011 are the interests specified in the second column of the following:

Subject	Prescribed description
Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.
Sponsorship	<p>Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the relevant authority) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by a member in carrying out duties as a member, or towards the election expenses of a member.</p> <p>This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Regulations (Consolidation) Act 1992.</p>
Contracts	<p>Any contract which is made between the relevant person (or a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest) and the relevant authority:</p> <p>(a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and</p> <p>(b) which has not been fully discharged.</p>
Land	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the relevant authority.
Licences	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the relevant authority for a month or longer.
Corporate tenancies	<p>Any tenancy where (to a member's knowledge):</p> <p>(a) the landlord is the relevant authority;</p> <p>(b) the tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest.</p>
Securities	<p>Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where:</p> <p>(a) that body (to a member's knowledge) has a place of</p>

	<p>business or land in the area of the relevant authority; and</p> <p>(b) either:</p> <p>(i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or</p> <p>(ii) if the share capital of that body is more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.</p>
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Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972 (as amended)

Access to information: Exempt information

Part 1

Descriptions of exempt information: England

1. Information relating to any individual.
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.
5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
6. Information which reveals that the authority proposes:
 - (a) to give any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
 - (b) to make an order or direction under any enactment.
7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

8. Information being disclosed during a meeting of a Scrutiny and Performance Panel when considering flood risk management functions which:
- (a) Constitutes a trades secret;
 - (b) Its disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the risk management authority);
 - (c) It was obtained by a risk management authority from any other person and its disclosure to the public by the risk management authority would constitute a breach of confidence actionable by that other person.