



Walsall Metropolitan Borough

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council of the Metropolitan Borough of Walsall to be held on **MONDAY the FOURTH day of JULY, 2005, at 6.00 p.m.** at the Council House, Walsall.

Dated this 24th day of June, 2005.

Yours sincerely,

Chief Executive.

The business to be transacted is as follows:-

1. Apologies.
2. To approve as correct records and sign the minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 23rd and 25th May 2005.
3. Declarations of interest.
4. Mayor's announcements.
5. To receive any petitions.

6. To answer any questions in accordance with Council Procedure Rules:-

- (a) From the public.
- (b) From members of the Council.

7. To the report to result of the by-election for the Darlaston South ward held on 9th June 2005:-

Name of candidates	Votes cast	Candidate elected
Graham Edward Wilkes	688	Graham Edward Wilkes
Christine Susan Bott	367	
Kevin Royston Smith	325	
Chad Louis Pitt	273	
Allan Robert Johnston	120	
Derek Bennett	72	
Peter Alan Winterton	11	

Percentage poll 20.75%

8. To confirm the following recommendations of the **Cabinet**:-

(1) Supplementary Planning Document for Affordable Housing

That the Supplementary Planning Document for Affordable Housing be approved and adopted.

(Note: A report relating to this recommendation is reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.)

(2) West Midlands Local Transport Plan

(a) That the 2005 West Midlands Local Transport Plan be approved.

(b) That the Leader of the Council be authorised to agree any late changes to the plan, in consultation with the Leaders of the other West Midlands Councils through the West Midlands Joint Committee.

(Note: A report relating to this recommendation is reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.)

9. Establishment of additional Employment Appeals Committee. Report reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting. Council is asked to agree the recommendations set out in the report.

10. Appointment of independent members to Standards Committee. Report reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting. Council is asked to agree the recommendation set out in the report.

11. Membership of Development Control Committee:

Council is asked to note the following change in membership for the remainder of the current municipal year:-

Councillor Martin to replace Councillor Sanders

12. To consider the following motion, notice of which has been duly given by Councillors Oliver, Coughlan, Young, Wilkes, Chambers and Robinson:-

This Council welcomes the investment toward a new Civic Quarter in Leicester Street and Darwall Street. However, we also share the serious concerns raised by representatives of people with disability as to the loss of the current disabled car parking spaces.

We note that, following a series of complaints, there have been efforts late in the day by Council officers to address this issue, but we do not believe that this has been a satisfactory process. Such issues should be at the centre of the planning process, not seen as an afterthought.

We therefore hope that appropriate lessons have been learnt for future developments, and even at this late stage, call for a re-think and meeting with relevant groups in order to try and reach a resolution of this regrettable situation.

13. To consider the following motion, notice of which has been duly given by Councillors Oliver, Coughlan, Young, Wilkes, Chambers and Robinson:-

This Council is committed to improving our local environment and street scene, and we are therefore in support of policies against the eyesore of illegal fly posting. We note the exceptions relating to posters on lamp posts promoting General and Council election candidates, which are allowed under separate bye-laws.

Walsall has a history of vibrant local community groups and activities, and our Council should support our volunteers and local charities in their work toward community cohesion and events. We therefore call for new regulations to allow genuine and responsible non-profit making community groups to promote their activities by the same rules as election candidates, through a simple system of application (similar to licensing processes, delegated or otherwise).

14. To consider the following motion, notice of which has been duly given by Councillors Coughlan, Young, Wilkes, Chambers and Robinson:-

We believe that this Council should be committed to the long term and genuine development of local services for local people. These policies should include the aim to develop health services which are as local as possible, and to fight to keep a Walsall Hospital which is managed on behalf of Walsall people. People in our local communities tell us that they are worried that the proposed merger of Walsall and Wolverhampton Hospital Trusts could be the thin edge of the wedge, and furthermore, there are indications that the financial situation may not bring the best deal for the people of Walsall. We certainly do not want to see people having to travel further for their hospital services.

This Council therefore calls for immediate, full, proper and genuine consultation to take on board the views of Walsall people as to this proposed merger and, if so required, will seek and support alternative solutions.



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R E P O R T S

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to be held on **MONDAY 4TH JULY 2005**

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(1) RECOMMENDATIONS OF CABINET	
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ANNIE SHEPPERD,

Chief Executive,
Walsall.