



Walsall Council

## **Neighbourhoods Scrutiny and Performance Panel**

Meeting to be held on **12 FEBRUARY 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 C. Creaney (Chair)  
Councillor C. Towe (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor M. Arif  
Councillor A. Ditta  
Councillor S. Fitzpatrick  
Councillor D. Hazell  
Councillor J. Murray  
Councillor A. Nawaz  
Councillor K. Phillips  
Councillor E. Russell  
Councillor I. Shires  
Councillor G. Sohal

**PORTFOLIO HOLDERS:**

Councillor K. Hussain – Community, Leisure and Culture  
Councillor L. Jeavons – Environment and Transport

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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

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| 1.  | <b>Apologies</b><br>To receive apologies for absence from Members of the Panel.   |                  |
| 2.  | <b>Substitutions</b><br>To receive notice of any substitutions for a Member of the Panel for the duration of the meeting.   |                  |
| 3.  | <b>Declarations of interest and party whip</b><br>To receive declarations of interest or the party whip from Members in respect of items on the agenda.   |                  |
| 4.  | <b>Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (as amended)</b><br>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.  | <b>Minutes</b><br>To approve the minutes of the meeting that took place 6 January 2015.   | <u>Enclosed</u>  |
| 6.  | <b>Petitions: Save Blakenall and Walsall Wood Libraries</b><br>Two petitions were submitted to Council at its meeting on 12 January 2015 opposing the closures of Walsall Wood library in 2015/16 and Blakenall library in 2016/17 as part of budget proposals concerning the Library Service. This report provides a response to the petition.   | <u>Enclosed</u>  |
| 7.  | <b>Petition: Beechdale – against the closure of the lifelong learning centre on Stephenson Square.</b><br>A petition has been received regarding the cumulative impact of proposed budget savings on the lifelong learning centre on Stephenson Square, Beechdale. The proposed savings refer to youth activities, reductions in council funding to the community association and the closure of Beechdale Library. | <u>Enclosed</u>  |
| 8.  | <b>Petition to introduce a two hour parking limit at St Michael Street Council Car Park, Caldmore</b><br>A petition requesting the introduction of 2 hour parking at St Michael Street Council car park was submitted to Council on 12 January 2015. This report provides a response to the petition.   | <u>Enclosed</u>  |
| 9.  | <b>Petition: reinstate public toilets in Willenhall town centre</b><br>A petition was submitted to Council on 22 September 2014 requesting the reinstatement of public toilets in Willenhall town centre. This report provides a response to the petition.  | <u>To Follow</u> |
| 10. | <b>Highways maintenance strategy and asset management plan 2015-18</b><br>This report brings the principal issues around the forthcoming Highway Maintenance Strategy and Highway Maintenance Asset Management Plan to the attention of the Panel prior to its consideration at Cabinet in March 2015.  | <u>Enclosed</u>  |

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| <b>11.</b> | <b>Delivery of Universal Key Stage 1 Free School Meals</b><br>To understand how the Councils Catering Services have implemented and delivered universal free school meals to key stage one pupils.   | <u>Enclosed</u>                 |
| <b>12.</b> | <b>Quarter 3 Financial Monitoring Position for 2014/15</b><br>This report summarises the predicted revenue and capital position for 2014/15, based on the performance for quarter 3 (1 October to 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2014), for services within the remit of the Neighbourhoods Scrutiny and Performance Panel. | <u>Enclosed</u>                 |
| <b>13.</b> | <b>Work Programme 2014/15 and Forward Plan</b><br>To consider the Panels work programme for 2014/15 and the latest version of Cabinet Forward Plan of Key Decisions.   | <u>Enclosed &amp; To Follow</u> |
| <b>14.</b> | <b>Date of next meeting</b><br>To note that the date of the next meeting will be 6pm on 9 April 2015.  |                                 |

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## **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:

| <b>Subject</b>                                    | <b>Prescribed description</b>   |
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| 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 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</p>  |

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|  | 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. |
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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.