



**Walsall Council**

## **Scrutiny Overview Committee**

Meeting to be held on: **4 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 6.00 P.M.**

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:**

Chair: Councillor Murray  
Vice Chair: Councillor Nawaz

Councillor S. Ditta  
Councillor Ferguson  
Councillor Harrison  
Councillor Hussain  
Councillor Jeavons  
Councillor Rasab  
Councillor Samra  
Councillor Shires  
Councillor M. Statham

**LEADER OF THE COUNCIL:**

Councillor Bird

**PORTFOLIO HOLDERS:**

All

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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.	<b>Apologies</b> To receive apologies for absence from Members of the Committee.	
2.	<b>Substitutions</b> To receive notice of any substitutions for a Member of the Committee for the duration of the meeting.	
3.	<b>Declarations of interest and party whip</b> 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> 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 (if applicable).	
5.	<b>Minutes</b> To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 25 November 2020.	<u>Enclosed</u>
6.	<b>Revenue budget and draft capital programme 2019/20 to 2022/23</b> To present the draft revenue budget and capital programme for 2020/21 to 2022/23.	<u>Enclosed</u>
7.	<b>Corporate Plan 2018-21 refresh</b> The Corporate Plan 2018-21 sets out the council's purpose along with the priorities that we believe will help to reduce inequalities and maximise potential. Annually reviewing and refreshing the plan enables the council to realign resources in line with the specific areas of focus.	<u>Enclosed &amp; To Follow</u>
8.	<b>Corporate Plan Performance Monitoring Quarter 2 2019-20</b> The Corporate Plan 2018-21 sets out the council's purpose along with the priorities that we believe will help to reduce inequalities and maximise potential. Routine monitoring of key measures aligned to the priorities and outcomes enables Cabinet to maintain oversight, celebrate successes and where necessarily ensure action is taken to address underperformance. The measures monitored to track delivery against outcomes were refreshed at the start of the current municipal year, approved by Cabinet in May 2019.  Cabinet received quarterly monitoring reports regarding the delivery of the Corporate Plan, information contained in this report was reported to Cabinet in December 2019.	<u>Enclosed</u>
9.	<b>EU Exit Preparedness</b> Since the referendum a number of attempts to secure a deal to leave the EU have been made but at the time of writing it looks	<u>Enclosed</u>

	likely we will leave by 31st January 2020 with a deal and a transition period.  To support preparation and to manage the risks identified, a local European Union Exit Planning Team was formed to ensure that the Authority is in the best possible position to respond to the challenges of the EU Exit (Brexit).	
<b>10.</b>	<b>Draft Walsall Housing Strategy 2020-2025</b> The Council is updating its Housing Strategy (the “Strategy”) to set out its housing vision and objectives. The Strategy (Appendix 1) details our housing priorities for the next 5 years and how we intend to achieve them. Partnership working is particularly important in the delivery of this Strategy as the council has no housing stock. It provides links to the Council’s and partners’ key strategic documents such as the Walsall Plan and Walsall for All strategy, and is shaped in the context of the work across the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA). The Strategy has been developed to shape the future housing market in support of economic growth.	<u>Enclosed</u>
<b>11.</b>	<b>Feedback from Overview and Scrutiny Committees</b> To discuss recent meetings of the Councils Overview and Scrutiny Committees.	<u>Enclosed</u>
<b>12.</b>	<b>Areas of Focus 2019/20</b> For the Committee to consider and agree its areas of focus for the municipal year.	<u>Enclosed</u>
<b>13.</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b> To note that the date of the next meeting will be 10 March 2020.	

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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:

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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and</li> <li>(b) which has not been fully discharged.</li> </ul>
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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the landlord is the relevant authority;</li> <li>(b) the tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest.</li> </ul>
Securities	<p>Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) that body (to a member's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the relevant authority; and</li> <li>(b) either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## **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 an Overview and Scrutiny Committee 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.