



## ***Walsall Metropolitan Borough***

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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 THIRTEENTH day of SEPTEMBER, 2004, at 6.00 p.m.** at the Council House, Walsall.

Dated this 3rd of September, 2004.

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 28th and 30th June, 2004.
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 agree the recommendation of the Standards Committee:-

Mr. L. Bates be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Standards Committee for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2004/2005.

8. Independent Review Panel.

Council is asked to agree the recommendation.

9. Quorum for Local Neighbourhood Partnerships.

Council is asked to agree the recommendation.

10. Cabinet membership.

- (1) Councillor Clarke has given a written resignation to the Leader of the Council as Cabinet member for Community Engagement and Organisational Development following his appointment as the Chair of the West Midlands Passenger Transport Authority.
- (2) To report the appointment of Councillor Zahid as Cabinet member for Community Engagement and Organisational Development.

11. Appointment to West Midlands Planning and Transportation Sub-Committee.

Councillor Ansell to submit Conservative nomination. This is a non-voting appointment. Councillor Longhi is the voting member.

12 To consider the following motion, notice of which has been given by Councillors Ansell and Withnall:-

This Council warmly welcomes the new capital appeal to raise funds for a hospice in Walsall and strongly supports the trustees of the appeal in their renewed efforts to provide this important facility for the borough.

The Council intends to be actively involved as this project develops and nominates the Cabinet portfolio holder for health and social care, Councillor Alan Paul, to be the Council representative on the board of trustees.

13 To consider the following motion, notice of which has been duly given by Councillors Robertson, Robinson and Young:-

This Council expresses concern that the large scale demolition programme by Walsall Housing Group is creating justifiable wide spread stress and anxiety in some very vulnerable but close knit communities in this Borough.

The view of our partners in Walsall Housing Group that replacements will be for private housing seems at variance with a number of objectives in the draft Walsall Housing Strategy of November 2003. This Council believes that there is a need for affordable rented social housing in this Borough for all age categories especially for young couples and for the elderly. This Council can more actively scrutinise the activities of our partners in the Walsall Housing Group in conjunction with their Boards. There must be a comprehensive meaningful consultation process with both tenant and home owners on redevelopments or changes to services as was promised.

14 To consider the following motion, notice of which has been duly given by Councillors Collins and Sears:-

That the decision recorded in Council minute number 131(2)(a)(b) and (c) from the Council meeting of the 12th January, 2004, reproduced hereunder be rescinded:-

“(2) That in respect of Charities:-

- (a) Future nominations be restricted to one Councillor and one officer to fill vacancies where two nominations are required by the Trust document;
- (b) Where the Trust document requires only one nomination, that nomination is to be an officer;
- (c) That in all cases Charities be requested to review their Constitutions by September 2004 to consider joining their Local Neighbourhood Partnership.”

and that the Charities listed at Appendix 1 be invited to request the Charities Commission to amend their constitutions to delete the requirement for any Council representation.



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# **R E P O R T S**

To be presented to the Council at the meeting  
to be held on **MONDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER, 2004**

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(1) INDEPENDENT REVIEW PANEL	To follow
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ANNIE SHEPPERD,

Chief Executive,  
Walsall.