



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 EIGHTH day of NOVEMBER, 2004, at 6.00 p.m.** at the Council House, Walsall.

Dated this 29th day of October, 2004.

Yours sincerely,

Chief Executive.

The business to be transacted is as follows:-

1. Apologies.
2. To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13th September, 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 confirm the following recommendation of the Cabinet:-

- (a) That the draft statement of licensing policy be adopted;
- (b) That the exercise of powers contained in the Licensing Act 2003, be delegated to the Licensing and Safety Committee.

(Note: The report to Cabinet on 20th October is reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting. Following the completion of the consultation period on the draft policy on 29th October, a report will be circulated setting out any proposed amendments.)

8. Unauthorised obstructions on the Highway – review of Council policy.

Report reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting. Council is asked to agree the recommendation.

9. Appointment of members to the LEA Group on the Walsall Admission Forum.

- (a) Council is asked to agree the recommendation.
- (b) Nominations to be tabled at the meeting.

10. Constitution of Governing Bodies.

Report reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting. Council is asked to agree the recommendations.

11. Council Employees Local Government Pension Scheme.

Report reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting. Council is asked to agree the recommendations.

12. Changes to Councillor representation on Council Committees:

To note the following changes in membership for the remainder of the municipal year:

Committee	New nomination	Replacing
Childrens Services and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny and Performance Panel	Councillor Withnall	Councillor Young
Development Control Committee	Councillor Martin	Councillor Zahid Ali

13. Nominations for the appointment of Vice-Chairman of the Development Control Committee in place of Councillor Zahid.

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

The Council recognises the difficulties that will be created for local residents throughout Walsall with the proposed closure of a number of post offices and that this will especially hit the elderly, those with families and those who have not got access to their own transport. This Council resolves to make strong representations to the Post Office on behalf of our residents to ask that these essential resources for our communities are retained and kept open and also to encourage others to do likewise.

(Note: A background report is reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting. Council is asked to note the report.)

15. To confirm the following motion, notice of which has been duly given by Councillors Madeley, Burley, Rowley, Chambers and Johnson:-

The Darlaston Multipurpose Centre is a valued facility used by residents of Darlaston.

We recognise, however, that the Slater Street part of the site is surplus to the requirements of the Centre.

The facilities in the Victoria Road section are used by all sections of our community by schools, junior football teams, badminton clubs, and senior citizens bowls clubs and should be retained.

That up to 10% of the capital receipt arising from the sale of the Slater Street site to be re-invested in the community of Darlaston and specifically in the Darlaston Community Association Club based in Hall Street to bring these facilities up to a better standard and possibly utilising the capital receipt to attract matched external funding.

(Note: A background report is reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting. Council is asked to note the report.)

16. To confirm the following motion, notice of which has been duly given by Councillors Robertson and Anson:-

This Council recognises the increasing need for the right mix of housing provision in the future for this Borough. This Council will continue to develop a housing strategy which moves forward firm plans with our partners to provide affordable homes for first time tenants and home owners and sufficient high quality designed homes for our ageing population.



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ANNIE SHEPPERD,

Chief Executive,
Walsall.