



You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council of the Metropolitan Borough of Walsall to be held on **MONDAY the 12TH day of NOVEMBER 2018 at 6.00 p.m.** at the Council House, Walsall.

Dated this 2nd day of November 2018.

Yours sincerely,

Chief Executive.

The business to be transacted is as follows:

1. To elect a person to preside if the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are not present.
2. Apologies.
3. To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 17th September 2018.
4. Declarations of interest.
5. **Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985 (as amended):**
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.
6. Mayor's announcements.
7. To receive any petitions.

8. Petition – Enforcement action with regard to the derelict Brown Jug, Short Heath: A petition with regard to the above containing approximately 1691 signatures was submitted to Council on 17th September 2018 by Councillor Chattha. Report reproduced in the reports booklet for the meeting.

(Note: The Council's petitions scheme states:

“Council debate - If a petition contains at least 1,500 signatures it will be debated at a meeting of the Council. This means that the issue raised in the petition will be discussed at a meeting to which all Councillors can attend and speak. The Council will endeavour to consider the petition at its next meeting although on some occasions this may not be possible and consideration will then take place at the following meeting. The petition organiser will be given 5 minutes to present the petition at the meeting and the petition will then be discussed by Councillors for a maximum of 15 minutes. The Council will decide how to respond to the petition at this meeting. They may decide to take the action that the petition requests; not to take the action requested for reasons put forward in the debate, or to ask for further information. Where the issue is one where the Cabinet are required to make the final decision the Council will decide to make recommendations to the Cabinet. The petition organiser will receive written confirmation of this decision and this will be published on our website.”)

9. To answer any questions in accordance with Council procedure rules:

(a) From the public:

Mr. P.E. Smith – Location of Walsall market

“Given that, in the opinion of many, the present location of Walsall Market gives rise to a cluttered eyesore effect that spoils the look of the Bridge/Park Street/Bradford Street area of the town centre as well as distracting from the shops and Sister Dora Statue that the stalls visually and awkwardly overpower and,

given that, apart from the problems facing the Saddler's Centre, we now know that Debenhams might close, thus jeopardising the viability of the whole of the Old Square Shopping Centre, probably not helped in recent years by the re-location of the Market that was once on High Street, to which it directly linked, and further,

given that a proposed option for the new Walsall market operating from the Bridge/Park Street and Bradford Street, is on hold pending the new Town Centre Masterplan (ref: Draft Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2018/19 – 2021/22 Appendix 6d),

Do you think it may still be possible, not to rule out the possibility of returning Walsall Market to its traditional location, where it stood for much of its 800 year history, namely the High Street, leading up to St. Matthews Church?”

(b) From members of the Council:

Councillor Hicken – Electric vehicles and charging points

“Could the portfolio holder inform me of what the Council is doing to support owners of electric vehicles and what measures the Council is taking to improve access to electric vehicle charging points?”

10. To confirm the following recommendation of **Cabinet**:

Food Law Enforcement Service Plan 2018-2019

That the Food Law Enforcement Service Plan for 2018/19 be approved and adopted.

(Note: Report to Cabinet on 24th October 2018 reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.)

11. **Annual Scrutiny report 2017/18.** Report reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.

12. **Review of Polling Districts and Places 2018.** Report reproduced in the reports booklet or this meeting.

13. **Portfolio holder briefings.** To receive a 5 minute presentation from the following portfolio holders:

- Clean and green
- Children’s and health and wellbeing

(Note: A member of the Council may ask the portfolio holder any question and another associate question without notice upon each report. Questioning by members is limited to 10 minutes for each report presented.)

14. **Children’s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee:**

- (a) To note that Councillor Samra has replaced Councillor Kudhail on the Committee for the remainder of the municipal year.
- (b) To appoint a Chairman for the remainder of the current municipal year.

15. West Midlands Combined Authority Audit Committee

To note that Councillor Waters has replaced Councillor Craddock as the Council's representative for the remainder of the municipal year.

16. To consider the following motion, notice of which has been duly given by Councillors S. Coughlan, D. Coughlan, Shires, Ward, Jeavons, Jukes, Robertson, Underhill, Nawaz, Burley and Hussain:

That this Council notes the headlines in the Express & Star from 23 October 2015:

“Walsall and Black Country Metro tram link declared dead”

Followed by comments attributed to Councillor Adrian Andrew that stated:

It's pretty clear we're not going to get the 5Ws tram link. The Metro scheme was designed more than two decades ago but it's just too expensive and comes at a time when local authorities and public bodies no longer have access to that level of funding.”

Further, this Council notes that recently the Government have financially supported the Metro extension to Brierley Hill in Dudley.

This Council calls on our Cabinet with their executive powers to use all opportunities at its disposal, such as the Association of Black Country Authorities, the Black Country LEP, WMCA, and the Metro Mayor to secure funding to extend the Metro system from Wolverhampton, via Wednesfield (New Cross Hospital) and Willenhall to Walsall.

(Note: Report reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.)

17. To consider the following motion, notice of which has been duly given by Councillors S. Coughlan, D. Coughlan, Shires, Ward, Burley, Jeavons, Jukes, Chambers, Robertson, Underhill, Nawaz and Hussain:

That from 1 January 2019 all new housing, new or replacement domestic garages and business/commercial planning applications to Walsall Council include the provision of an “electric vehicle charging scheme”; and that any such scheme would not become binding on the applicant unless included by the local planning authority as a condition of any planning permission granted.

(Note: Report reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.)

18. To consider the following motion, notice of which has been duly given by **Councillors S. Coughlan, D. Coughlan, Shires, Ward, Jeavons, Chambers, Jukes, Robertson, Underhill, Burley, Nawaz and Hussain:**

That this Council notes the ground-breaking work undertaken during the period May 2016 and May 2018 to secure legal injunctions on 24 named sites regarding unlawful encampments.

Furthermore, this Council notes that following dialogue between local MPs a debate was initiated in Parliament to seek the inclusion of new laws to support not only Walsall but all local authorities in combating unlawful encampments.

Further, this Council instructs officers to seek support from our judicial system to an overall borough wide injunction on unlawful encampments and individuals that break the law to gain access to sites that are in public ownership.

(Note: Report reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.)