



Walsall Council

Corporate Scrutiny and Performance Panel

Meeting to be held on **9 APRIL 2009 AT 6PM**

Your attendance is requested at the above meeting, which will be held at the Council House.

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 Longhi
Vice-Chair: Councillor Nazir

Members: Councillor Bird
Councillor Cook
Councillor Chambers
Councillor Flower
Councillor Sarohi
Councillor Turner
Councillor Yasin

Portfolio Holder:

Cllr Mohammed Arif: Procurement, transformation and performance management
Cllr Al Griffiths: Finance and personnel

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Agendas and reports are available for inspection from the Council's Scrutiny Team at the Council House, Walsall or on our website www.walsall.gov.uk.

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.

ITEMS FOR BUSINESS

1.	Apologies To receive apologies for absence from the meeting of Members of the Panel	.
2.	Substitutions To receive notice of any substitutions for a Member of the Panel for the duration of the meeting.	
3.	Declarations of interest and party whip To receive declarations of interest or the Party whip from Members in respect of items on the Agenda.	
4.	Minutes of previous meeting To approve the minutes of the meetings that took place on the 26 February 2009	Enclosed Pg 4-11
5.	Forward Plan To consider the forward plan that was issued on 9 March 2009. NB An updated forward plan will be published on 8 April and will be tabled at the meeting	Enclosed Pg 12-18
6.	Citizens Advice Bureau Grant/Service Level Agreement funding To consider the following resolution of the Council meeting of 23 rd February "Council are recommended to approve the grant/SLA funding of £287,290 to Walsall CAB, but further that this issue be referred to the Corporate Scrutiny Panel for consideration as to the pressures, outcomes and amount of this funding"	Enclosed Pg 19
7.	Local Area Agreement Update This briefing note informs the Panel of progress in agreeing Local Area Agreement (LAA) targets with Government and in developing Target Action Plans (TAPs) – the means through which LAA targets are delivered. It also asks the Panel whether it wishes to continue to receive a report from the Partnership and, if so, what form this should take.	Enclosed Pg 20-28
8.	ICT Strategy To receive an update on the ICT strategy presented to the panel on 22 July 2008.	Enclosed Pg 29-40
	EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC	
	<i>This item is likely to require the exclusion of the public and press on the grounds that it will require the discussion of information furnished to the Council by a Government department upon terms (however expressed) which forbid the disclosure of the information to the public as defined under Paragraph 3a of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972. Nothing shall be taken to authorise or require the disclosure of the confidential information in breach of the obligation of confidence.</i>	
9.	Value for Money Review- Communications Unit To receive a completed copy of the officer and member value for money assessment of the communications unit and make any	See attached

	<p>recommendations necessary.</p> <p>NOT FOR PUBLICATION: this report contains benchmarking information provided in confidence by other local authorities and as such there is a requirement under Paragraph 3a of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 for the information to remain confidential as it contains information furnished to the Council by a Government department upon terms (however expressed) which forbid the disclosure of the information to be public. Nothing shall be taken to authorise or require the disclosure of the confidential information in breach of the obligation of confidence.</p> <p>A public copy of the report, with the confidential information removed has also been produced; no information relating to Walsall Council has been removed.</p>	
10.	<p>Carry Forward Items for 2009/10</p> <p>To agree that the following items are recommended to be included in the work programme for 2009/10 along with any other items members wish to add.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Procurement 2. Corporate Area Assessment 3. Payroll and Pensions 	
11.	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>To be set at annual adjourned Council on 20 May along with panel remits and membership</p>	

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