



**Walsall Council**

## **Corporate & Public Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

Meeting to be held on: **6 APRIL 2017 AT 6.00PM**

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:**

Councillor A. Andrew (Chair)  
Councillor C. Creaney (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor D. Barker  
Councillor M. Bird  
Councillor S. Craddock  
Councillor A. Nazir  
Councillor M. Nazir  
Councillor L. Rattigan  
Councillor G. Sohal  
Councillor M. Ward  
Councillor R. Worrall

**PORTFOLIO HOLDERS:**

Councillor S. Coughlan – Leader  
Councillor D. Coughlan – Social Care  
Councillor Jeavons – Deputy Leader and Regeneration  
Councillor Jones – Clean and green  
Councillor J. Fitzpatrick – Community, leisure and culture  
Councillor Nawaz – Personnel and business support  
Councillor Shires – Agenda for Change

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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 Panel.	
2.	<b>Substitutions</b> To receive notice of any substitutions for a Member of the Panel 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.	
5.	<b>Minutes of the previous meeting</b> To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting that took place on 21 February 2017.	<u>Enclosed</u>

## ITEMS FOR SCRUTINY

6.	<b>Elections and proposed pilot to require voters to use identification</b> The Government responded in December 2016 to Sir Eric Pickles report on Securing the Ballot August 2016. The report identified, amongst other things, that one of the most significant issues in relation to polling stations is whether voters should be required to produce a form of identification before being allowed to vote. The Government have agreed that the viability of voter identification options should be explored further. At the moment there is a suggestion that electoral pilot schemes could be piloted at local government elections in England in 2018.	<u>Enclosed</u>
7.	<b>Petition scheme review</b> The Council's current Petitions Scheme as set out that part 5.15 of the councils constitution is the scheme that was presented to Council on 13 September 2010, subject to minor amendments in subsequent years. It is appropriate that the petition scheme is reviewed to establish whether or not it is still fit purpose, and in fact whether or not the Council still wishes to have a petition scheme at all.	<u>Enclosed</u>
8.	<b>Report on activity from the Portfolio Holder for Agenda for Change</b> The report sets out the achievements that have been made in the portfolio for Change; the main challenges facing the portfolio; and the activity that is planned for the next twelve	<u>Enclosed</u>

	months.	
<b>9.</b>	<b>Monitoring the recommendations of the Welfare Reform Working Group</b> To provide an update on progress implementing the recommendations of the former Welfare Reform Working Group.	<u>Enclosed</u>
<b>ITEMS FOR OVERVIEW</b>		
<b>10.</b>	<b>Changes to staff terms and conditions</b> This report provides an overview on the implementation of the employee Terms and Conditions Review commenced by a decision of the Personnel Committee on 28th June 2016.  It also provides a lessons learnt section (Appendix 1 Section 4) which is intended to contribute towards learning for future large scale projects.	<u>Enclosed</u>
<b>11.</b>	<b>CCTV in Walsall</b> The report sets out the current position relating to CCTV. That Cabinet approve the establishment of an agreement for the provision of Walsall's fixed and mobile CCTV service and retail radio with the West Midlands Combined Authority under its corporate branding of Transport for West Midlands, for a period of seven years, from 30 June 2017.	<u>Enclosed</u>
<b>12.</b>	<b>Discussion on engagement with social housing providers</b> To discuss how the Committee may wish to engage with social housing providers.	<u>To Follow</u>
<b>13.</b>	<b>Areas of focus 2016/17</b> To consider potential areas of focus for the committee for the year ahead. The report includes the Forward Plans of Walsall Council and Black Country Joint Executive Committee.	<u>Enclosed</u>
<b>14.</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b> To note that the date of the next scheduled meeting will be confirmed at Annual Council in May 2017.	

## **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:

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Prescribed description</b>
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> <p>(a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and</p> <p>(b) which has not been fully discharged.</p>
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> <p>(a) the landlord is the relevant authority;</p> <p>(b) the tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest.</p>
Securities	<p>Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where:</p> <p>(a) that body (to a member's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the relevant authority; and</p> <p>(b) either:</p> <p>(i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or</p> <p>(ii) if the share capital of that body is more than</p>

	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.
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## **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 a Scrutiny and Performance Panel 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.