

Cabinet

Wednesday 7 September 2016 at 6.00 p.m.

in Conference Room 2 at the Council House, Walsall

Portfolios

Councillor S. Coughlan,
Leader of the Council



Councillor I. Robertson,
Health



Councillor L. Jeavons
Deputy Leader and
Regeneration



Councillor D. Coughlan,
Social Care



Councillor M.R. Burley,
Children's services and
education



Councillor A. Nawaz,
Personnel and
business support



Councillor J. Fitzpatrick,
Community, leisure and
culture



Councillor I. Shires,
Agenda for change



Councillor C. Jones,
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Part I – Public session

1. Apologies
2. Minutes – 27 July 2016 4 - 11
3. Declarations of interest
4. **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.
5. Petitions
6. Questions:
(Note: 30 minutes will be allowed for pre-submitted questions from non-executive members and the public. All questions will have been submitted at least 7 clear days before the meeting.

Answers will be provided at the meeting - no supplementary questions will be allowed.)
7. Forward plan of key decisions 12 - 18
(Note: The Council's Constitution states:
 - (1) A key decision is:
 - (i) any decision in relation to an executive function which results in the Council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant, having regard to the Council's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates or
 - (ii) any decision that is likely to have significant impact on two or more wards within the borough.
 - (2) The threshold for "significant" expenditure/savings is £250,000.
 - (3) A decision taker may only make a key decision in accordance with the requirements of the Executive Procedure Rules set out in Part 4 of this Constitution.

Children's services and education: Councillor Burley

Non key decisions

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Reference from Council

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| 15. | Community Cohesion Strategy | |
| (a) | The Council at its meeting on 21 July 2016 resolved as follows:
“(1) That a new standalone, community driven ‘Community Cohesion Strategy’ and action plan be created for Walsall. This strategy and action plan should be ready for delivery by April 2017;
(2) That the ‘Community Cohesion Strategy’ be included in the policy framework as an ‘other plan and strategy’ under Part 4.01 (a)(ii) of the Walsall Council Constitution;
(3) That the remaining recommendations of the Community Cohesion Working Group be referred to Cabinet to consider their implementation.” | |
| (b) | Report of portfolio holder | 142 - 179 |