



Walsall Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council of the Metropolitan Borough of Walsall to be held on **MONDAY the 9th day of January 2023 at 6.00 p.m.** at the Council House, Walsall.

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Dated this 23rd day of December, 2022.

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 7th November, 2022 – **(pages 6 – 9)**
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. **Mayoralty 2023/24.** Pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 2(vi) to name the Mayor-Elect and Deputy Mayor-Elect for 2021/22 in accordance with the powers contained in Sections 3 and 5 of the Local Government Act, 1972.
9. To answer any questions in accordance with Council procedure rules:
 - (a) From the public: None
 - (b) From members of the Council: None

10. To consider the following recommendation of **Audit Committee (pages 10 – 20):**

Annual Audit Report

That the Annual Report of the Audit Committee 2021/22 be approved and the Vice Chair of the Committee, during 2021/22, present the report to the next meeting of Council.

(Note: Report to Audit Committee on 21 November, 2022 reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.)

11. To confirm the following recommendations of **Cabinet:**

(a) Treasury Management Mid-Year Position

1. That Cabinet notes and forward to Council, for consideration and noting (and in line with the requirements of the Treasury Management Code of Practice (2017)), the mid-year position statement for treasury management activities 2022/23 including prudential and local indicators (Appendix A).
2. That Cabinet note that all Members should undertake training that is available from the Council's external Treasury Management advisors to enable Members to better understand and challenge the long-term financial implications of matters reported within the Treasury Management Strategy.

(Note: Report to Cabinet held on 14 December, 2022 reproduced for this meeting **(pages 21 to 34)**)

(b) Food Law Enforcement Plan

That Cabinet receive the Food Law Enforcement Service Plan for the year 2022/23, as evidence of the Council's compliance with its statutory duties

in relation to food law, and recommend it to Council for approval and adoption.

(Note: Report to Cabinet held on 14 December, 2022 reproduced for this meeting **(pages 35 to 81)**)

12. To confirm the following recommendations of **Personnel Committee**:

Special Severance Payments

1. Request that Council approve the following amendments to the Constitution:-

PART 3.2 (9) Personnel Committee

- (15) To appoint a Sub Committee of Personnel Committee to include at least two Independent Persons, appointed under the provisions of Section 28 of the Localism Act 2011 to consider special severance payments in respect of the Head of Paid Service.

PART 3.5 - Officer Scheme of Delegations

- 1.10 (e) To take all action to recruit, appoint, develop, manage and reward employees within approved Council policies and the law (including the operation of approved policies for voluntary severance **up to £20,000**, early retirement, redundancy and redeployment) and conditions of service in consultation with the Director – Human Resources and Section 151 Officer where applicable

12. Chief Executive

- (12.9) To approve special severance payments of £20,000 and above, but below £100,000 (with a clear record of the Leader's approval and that of any others who have signed off the payment).

(Note: Report to Personnel held on 5th December, 2022 reproduced for this meeting **(pages 82 to 89)**)

13. **Watmos Community Homes Constitutional Changes – (pages 90 to 141)**
14. **Committee appointment** - To appoint a Vice Chair of Education Scrutiny for the remainder of the municipal year.
15. **Portfolio holder briefings.** To receive a 5 minute presentation from the following portfolios:
- a. Internal Services – Councillor Ferguson **(To Follow)**
 - b. Children's – Councillor Elson **(pages 142 - 148)**

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

16. To consider the following motion, notice of which has been duly given by **Councillor Nawaz and Councillor Hussain.**

This Council

- Notes the important role played by the taxi trade in the public transport provision in Walsall
- Recognises the valuable work carried out by Taxi Drivers, not least during the period of the pandemic, providing an essential service for our residents
- Notes the positive impact on reducing the number of vehicles on the Borough's roads and therefore on the air quality for our residents, by the use of public transport including taxis
- Notes the additional time and cost for our residents who use taxis, by not allowing Private hire taxi vehicles to use bus lanes

The Council therefore

1. Calls upon the administration to allow private hire vehicles to use bus lanes in the borough of Walsall, saving time and cost to our residents
2. Calls on the administration to implement this change without delay

17. To consider the following motion, notice of which has been duly given by **Councillor Nawaz and Councillor Hussain.**

This Council recognises

- The essential and invaluable service provided by NHS nurses and Ambulance workers in the borough of Walsall
- The overwhelming support that our nurses and Ambulance workers have amongst the people of the borough of Walsall
- The sacrifices made by our nurses, ambulance staff and NHS workers in general during the pandemic
- The pay restraint forced upon our nurses and ambulance staff resulting in a real terms cut in pay for the past 12 years
- The very difficult decision that nurses and ambulance workers have had to make in taking industrial action

This Council resolves to

- Support our nurses and ambulance staff in their effort to get a decent pay rise
- Support fully the action being taken by our nurses and ambulance workers
- Stand in solidarity with nurses and ambulance service workers on this matter
- Call on the conservative government to accept the nurses and ambulance workers claims
- Call on Prime Minister Rishi Sunak to engage directly, openly and honestly with the nurses unions and the ambulance workers union to bring this matter to a conclusion urgently

18. To consider the following motion, notice of which has been duly given by **Councillor Nawaz and Councillor Hussain**

This Council recognises the good work being carried out by the Citizens Advice Bureau for the residents of Walsall and the essential nature of the advice that is needed in helping our residents at their most vulnerable time.

This Council formally:-

- Confirms its support for the Citizens Advice Bureau; and
- Commits to fully support the Citizens Advice Bureau's work in Walsall in the future at a time of increased need for many of our residents during this Cost of Living crises.

19. **Appointment of Deputy Electoral Registration Officer – (pages 149 – 151)**

20. **Appointment of Interim Chief Executive and re allocation of Statutory Roles (public version)**

To consider the recommendation of the Personnel Committee regarding the appointment of an interim Chief Executive and re allocation of Statutory Roles **(pages 152 to 160)**

Part II – Private session

21. **Appointment of Interim Chief Executive and re allocation of Statutory Roles (private version)**

To consider the recommendation of the Personnel Committee regarding the appointment of an interim Chief Executive and re allocation of Statutory Roles **(pages 161 to 169)**

[Exempt information under paragraphs 1, 2 and 4 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972 (as amended)]