



# Walsall Council

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **ANNUAL MEETING** of the Council of the Metropolitan Borough of Walsall to be held on **MONDAY the TWENTY-SECOND day of MAY, 2006, at 6.00 p.m.** at the Council House, Walsall.

Dated this 12th day of May, 2006.

Yours sincerely,

Chief Executive.

The business to be transacted is as follows:-

1. Apologies.
2. Election of Mayor for the Municipal Year 2006/2007.
3. Appointment of Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2006/2007.
4. To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 24th April, 2006.
5. (a) Mayor's Announcements:.
  - (1) Appointment of the Mayor's Chaplain.
  - (2) Announcement with regard to the visit of The Mayor to St. Matthews Parish Church on Sunday 16th July 2006.
- (b) Other business.

6. Presentation of badges to retiring Mayor and Mayoress.
7. Vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor by Councillor Mrs. Pitt.

**The Mayor to move that the Council adjourn until  
6.00 pm on Wednesday 24th May 2006**

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- 8 . Declarations of interest.
9. Result of local elections 4th May 2006. Report reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting. Council is asked to note the report.
10. Formation of Political Groups and appointments on Committees.  
(Note: Report of the Chief Executive to follow.)
11. To receive any petitions.
12. Appointment of Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council for the municipal year 2006/2007.
13. Timetable of meetings 2006/2007. Report reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting. Council is asked to agree the recommendations.
14. To agree the number of members to be appointed to the Executive and appoint those members to the Cabinet.  
(Note: Document to be circulated prior to the meeting)
15. To appoint Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees.  
(Note: Document to be circulated prior to the meeting)

16. If necessary to approve the suspension of Council Procedure Rule 9 to enable the remaining items on the agenda to be dealt with at this meeting.

17. Appointment of representatives on outside bodies and charities. To appoint representatives to serve on outside bodies and charities for the municipal year 2006/2007.

(Note: Completed template will be presented to the meeting)

18. End of year scrutiny review. Report reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting. Council is asked to note the report.

### **Uncompleted business from meeting held on 24th April 2006**

19. To consider the following motion, notice of which has been submitted by Councillors I. Shires and Bentley:-

This Council notes that one of the most high profile social problems today is anti-social behaviour. Its effects can be debilitating to communities and particularly worries older people. It's not simply a problem of intimidating behaviour. Graffiti, littering, noise pollution and decaying urban spaces all contribute to the feeling that our communities are slipping out of control.

This Council believes that anti social behaviour orders can work.

This Council supports the call for ASBO PLUS.

This Council believes there are actions we should try before issuing an ASBO.

Local communities have a central role in finding a solution to anti-social behaviour.

Community Justice Panels – made up of victims and volunteers from the local community – are potentially an effective way of modifying behaviour.

The scheme would give the public an unprecedented say in the way that local crime problems are dealt with, as well as offering offenders a way to pay back for the harm they have done to their community. Going before one of the panels would be a very uncomfortable experience. Offenders will see the anger and hurt they cause to those living in their streets and their communities.

20. To consider the following motion, notice of which has been submitted by Councillors I. Shires and Bentley:-

That Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council:

- (i) expresses concern at
  - the decline of local services and facilities which affects local communities and in particular the elderly and people on the lowest incomes;
  - the resulting decline of local jobs and local economies and the resulting extra traffic and pollution caused by the need to travel further;
- (ii) and notes that this combination of factors increases people's feelings of exclusion and lack of involvement; and so
- (iii) supports measures to reverse this process and
- (iv) supports the concept of local sustainability as envisaged in the Sustainable Communities Bill, namely:
  - the promotion of local economies
  - the promotion of local services and facilities
  - the protection of the environment
  - the reduction of social exclusion and
  - measures to increase involvement in the democratic process
- (v) and accordingly resolves to support the Sustainable Communities Bill which:
  - requires the Government to assist Councils and communities in promoting local sustainability in ways decided by them; and
  - sets up a participative process whereby Councils and communities can drive the way in which Government uses its power and influence to assist with the promotion of local sustainability; and
  - recognises therefore that the Bill provides for a "bottom up" rather than a "top down" one-size fits-all process
  - notes that this Bill is therefore fully in accord with current thinking in Local Government in that it impacts on central authorities and does not impose any new duties on Councils but instead enables them to influence how Government uses its resources and influence to help Councils and communities; and
  - specifically provides that where Councils themselves decide to take action to promote local sustainability that they should be given the resources to do so; and so
- (vi) and further resolves

- to inform the local media of this decision;
- to write to local MPs, asking them to support the Bill; and sign EDM (Early Day Motion) No. 641; and
- to write to the Local Works Campaign (at 94 White Lion Street, London, N1 9PF) expressing its support.



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## **R E P O R T S**

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to be held on **MONDAY 22ND MAY 2006**

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**ANNIE SHEPPERD,**

Chief Executive,  
Walsall.