

Corporate & Public Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on: WEDNESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2015 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 M. Nazir (Chair)

Councillor I. Shires (Vice-Chair)

Councillor P. Bott

Councillor S. Craddock Councillor C. Creaney Councillor S. Cooper Councillor K. Ferguson Councillor L. Jeavons Councillor A. Nawaz Councillor L. Rattigan Councillor G. Sohal

PORTFOLIO HOLDERS: Councillor M. Bird - Leader

Councillor A. Andrew – Deputy Leader and economy,

infrastructure and development

Councillor M. Arif – Shared services and procurement Councillor O. Bennett – Personnel and business support Councillor A. Harris – Community, leisure and culture

Councillor L. Harrison – Clean and green

Councillor C. Towe – Learning, skills and apprenticeships

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ITEMS FOR BUSINESS

1.	Apologies	
••	To receive apologies for absence from 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.	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.	
	ITEMS FOR SCRUTINY	
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5.	Proposals to change Walsall Housing Group's governance	
	arrangements	
	a) Report from Walsall Housing Group	<u>Enclosed</u>
	This report sets out the changes that whg are proposing, the	
	reasons for the changes and the new arrangements to ensure	
	continued effective engagement with customers and	
	Councillors.	
	b) Report from Walsall Council	
	Proposals being made by Whg seek to change the existing	
	governance arrangements contained within their Memorandum	
	and Articles of Association. This report explores the	Enclosed
	implications of the proposals to Walsall Council, Whg Tenants	
	and local citizens.	
6.	Budget proposals for the Library Service 2016/17	
	The proposal put forward for consideration in the resource	
	allocation process for 2016/17 is to close 7 libraries and cease	<u>Enclosed</u>
	the operation of the mobile library service. This would leave 9	
	libraries located in major district centres and the Housebound	
	Library Service to deliver a core service to people across the Borough.	
7.	Resource Allocation 2016/17 to 2019/20: Draft Revenue	
	Budget for Consultation – Community, Leisure and Culture	
	Portfolio	Enclosed
	This report outlines the portfolio plans for future service delivery	

	for the Community, Leisure and Culture portfolio. This includes Cabinet's draft revenue budget proposals for 2016/17 to 2019/20 for consultation, for the panel to consider and make recommendations to Cabinet if they so choose.	
ITEMS FOR OVERVIEW		
8.	Date of next meeting To note that the date of the next meeting will be 26 November 2015.	

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:

Subject	Prescribed description
Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.
Sponsorship	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.
	This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Regulations (Consolidation) Act 1992.
Contracts	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:
	(a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and
	(b) which has not been fully discharged.
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	Any tenancy where (to a member's knowledge):
	(a) the landlord is the relevant authority;
	(b) the tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest.
Securities	Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where:
	(a) that body (to a member's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the relevant authority; and
	(b) either:
	(i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or
	(ii) if the share capital of that body is more than

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.

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.