



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 FIRST day of JUNE 2015 at 6.00 p.m.** at the Council House, Walsall.

Dated this 21st day of May, 2015.

Yours sincerely,

Chief Executive.

The business to be transacted is as follows:

1. Apologies.
2. Election of Mayor for the Municipal Year 2015/2016.
3. Appointment of Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2015/2016.
4. To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13th April, 2015.
5. Mayor's announcements.
6. Presentation of badges to retiring Mayor and Mayoress.

7. Vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor.

**The Mayor to move that the Council adjourn until
6.00 pm on Wednesday 3rd June 2015**

8. Declarations of interest.

9. 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.

10. Election results – 7th May 2015. Report reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.

11. Formation of Political Groups. Report reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.

12. Members appointed to the Executive.

(Note: Document to be circulated prior to the meeting.)

13. To appoint members to serve on Committees.

(Note: Document to be circulated prior to the meeting.)

14. To appoint Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees.

(Note: Document to be circulated prior to the meeting)

15. Constitution and timetable of meetings 2015/2016. Report reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.

16. If necessary to consider 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 2015/2016.

(Note: Completed template to be circulated prior to the meeting.)

18. To confirm the following recommendation of the **Standards Committee**:

Disclosure and barring service checks for Councillors

- (1) That all Councillors undergo an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check;
- (2) That all Councillors undertake an annual voluntary self-declaration;
- (3) That the Monitoring Officer administers the process as part of the annual review of declarations of interest

(Note: (i) Report to Standards Committee on 21st April 2015 reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.)

(ii) Since the decision taken by Standards Committee on the 21st April 2015 the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) have sent a letter to another local authority, who have similarly proposed blanket checking of Councillors, which has been reported in a national publication, stating that this is contrary to policy and the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012. Elected members may therefore wish to defer this matter to allow the Council's Chief Legal Officer to seek further advice from the DBS Agency in respect of this issue.)

19. Food Law Enforcement Service Plan 2015/16. Report reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.

20. Designation of Statutory Scrutiny Officer. Report reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.

21. To consider the following motion, notice of which has been duly given by **Councillor Bird**:

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000, as amended, by paragraph 67 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, and as provided for in Article 7, paragraph 7.04 of the Council's Constitution, this Council resolves to remove Councillor Sean Coughlan from the office of Leader with immediate effect and also in accordance with the aforementioned Act, Councillor Michael Bird be appointed as Leader of the Council.