



**Walsall Council**

## **Economy and Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

Meeting to be held on: **21 January 2021 AT 6.00PM**

Meeting to be held virtually via: **Microsoft Teams**

Public access to meeting via: <https://youtu.be/ZxgiNd699uo>

**MEMBERSHIP:**

Councillor L. Harrison (Chair)  
Councillor A. Hicken (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor P. Bott  
Councillor C. Creaney  
Councillor M. Follows  
Councillor S. Johal  
Councillor P. Kaur  
Councillor A. Nazir  
Councillor G. Singh Sohal  
Councillor I. Shires  
Councillor M. Ward

**PORTFOLIO HOLDERS:**

Councillor A. Andrew – Deputy Leader and Regeneration  
Councillor G. Perry – Deputy Leader and Resilient Communities  
Councillor O. Butler – Clean and Green  
Councillor C. Towe – Education and Skills

## ITEMS FOR BUSINESS

1.	<b>Apologies</b> To receive apologies for absence from Members of the Committee.	
2.	<b>Substitutions</b> To receive notice of any substitutions for a Member of the Committee for the duration of the meeting.	
3.	<b>Declarations of interest and party whip</b> To receive declarations of interest or the party whip from Members in respect of items on the agenda.	
4.	<b>Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (as amended)</b> 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.	<b>Minutes of the previous meeting</b> To approve the minutes of the meetings that took place on 19 November 2020.	<u>Enclosed</u>

### ITEMS FOR SCRUTINY

6.	<b>Transportation in Walsall</b> <b>6a. A34 Walsall to Birmingham SPRINT</b> <b>6b. West Midlands Enhanced Partnership Scheme</b> <b>6c. Transport for West Midlands Presentation – Bus Operators</b> <b>6d. Black Country Transport Team Collaboration - Presentation</b>	<u>Reports and Presentations</u>
7.	<b>Council Carbon Neutral</b> This report sets out for Scrutiny the Cabinet decision in October 2020 to adopt a programme that will make the Council carbon neutral by 2050.	<u>Report</u>
8.	<b>Town Deal Board</b> To provide the Committee with an overview of the vision and strategy for the Town Deal Board which aims at driving sustainable economic regeneration of Walsall towns to deliver long term economy and productivity growth.	<u>Report</u>
9.	<b>Draft Revenue Budget Feedback and Draft Capital Programme 2021/22 to 2023/24</b> This report provides an extract of the draft capital programme that relates to the services within the remit of the Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee.	<u>Report</u>

### ITEMS FOR OVERVIEW

10.	<b>Areas of focus – 2020/21</b> To consider the areas of focus for the Committee during 2020/21.  The report includes the Forward Plans of Walsall Council, Black Country Joint Executive Committee and Forward Plan of West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) Board.	<u>Enclosed</u>
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11.	<b>Date of next meeting</b> To note the next scheduled meeting due to take place on 25 March 2021.	
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## 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:

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

## **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.