



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 10TH day of APRIL, 2017 at 6.00 p.m.** at the Council House, Walsall.

Dated this 31st day of March, 2017.

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 23rd February 2017.
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. Petitions:

(a) **Keep Pelsall Library open:**

A petition with regard to the above containing approximately 3,082 signatures was submitted to Council on 23rd February 2017 by Councillor Perry. Report to follow

(b) **Save our services:**

A petition with regard to the above containing approximately 2,340 signatures was submitted to Council on 23rd February 2017 by Councillor S. Coughlan. Report reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.

(Note: The Council's petitions scheme states:

“Council debate - If a petition contains at least 1,500 signatures it will be debated at a meeting of the Council. This means that the issue raised in the petition will be discussed at a meeting to which all Councillors can attend and speak. The Council will endeavour to consider the petition at its next meeting although on some occasions this may not be possible and consideration will then take place at the following meeting. The petition organiser will be given 5 minutes to present the petition at the meeting and the petition will then be discussed by Councillors for a maximum of 15 minutes. The Council will decide how to respond to the petition at this meeting. They may decide to take the action that the petition requests; not to take the action requested for reasons put forward in the debate, or to ask for further information. Where the issue is one where the Cabinet are required to make the final decision the Council will decide to make recommendations to the Cabinet. The petition organiser will receive written confirmation of this decision and this will be published on our website.”)

9. To answer any questions in accordance with Council procedure rules:

(a) From the public: None

(b) From members of the Council: None

10. **Members' allowances scheme.** Report to follow.

11. To confirm the following recommendation of the **Education and Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee**:

Child Sexual Exploitation

That Child Sexual Exploitation training be made compulsory for all employees of the Council.

(Note: Report reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.)

12. **Walsall Local Plans**. Report reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.

13. **Black Country Enterprise Zone – strategic land acquisition**. Report to follow.

14. **Portfolio holder briefing**. To receive a 5 minute presentation from the portfolio holder for Agenda for Change.

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

15. To consider the following motion, notice of which has been duly given by **Councillors Robertson, Jones, Chambers, Nawaz, Phillips, Burley, Russell, J. Fitzpatrick, Jukes and Jeavons**:

Council joins with other like minded councils to adopt the MND Charter reproduced below aimed at increasing awareness of this disease and highlighting the need for rapid support for those who become so tragically afflicted .

The MND Charter is a statement of the respect, care and support that people living with motor neurone disease (MND) and their carers deserve, and should expect.

We believe that everyone with a connection to MND, either personally or professionally, should recognise and respect the rights of people with MND as set out in the Charter, and work towards the Charter's vision of the right care, in the right place at the right time.

About MND:

- MND is a fatal, rapidly progressing disease that affects the brain and spinal cord.
- It can leave people locked in a failing body, unable to move, talk and eventually breathe.
- A person's lifetime risk of developing MND is up to one in 300.

- It kills around 30% of people within 12 months of diagnosis, more than 50% within two years.
- It affects people from all communities.
- It has no cure.

Therefore, what matters most is that people with MND receive a rapid response to their needs and good quality care and support, ensuring the highest quality of life as possible and the ability to die with dignity. The MND Charter serves as a tool to help make this happen. MND is a devastating, complex disease and particularly difficult to manage. We believe that if we get care right for MND we can get it right for other neurological conditions, and save public services money in the long run. But more importantly, we can make a positive difference to the lives of people with MND, their carers and their loved ones.

People with MND have the right to an early diagnosis and information

- An early referral to a neurologist.
- An accurate and early diagnosis, given sensitively.
- Timely and appropriate access to information at all stages of their condition.

People with MND have the right to high quality care and treatments

66● Access to co-ordinated multidisciplinary care managed by a specialist key worker with experience of MND.

- Early access to specialist palliative care in a setting of their choice, including equitable access to hospices.
- Access to appropriate respiratory and nutritional management and support, as close to home as possible.
- Access to the drug riluzole.
- Timely access to NHS continuing healthcare when needed.
- Early referral to social care services.
- Referral for cognitive assessment, where appropriate.

People with MND have the right to be treated as individuals and with dignity and respect

- Being offered a personal care plan to specify what care and support they need.
- Being offered the opportunity to develop an Advance Care Plan to ensure their wishes are met, and appropriate end-of-life care is provided in their chosen setting.
- Getting support to help them make the right choices to meet their needs when using personalised care options.
- Prompt access to appropriate communication support and aids.
- Opportunities to be involved in research if they so wish.

People with MND have the right to maximise their quality of life

- Timely and appropriate access to equipment, home adaptations, environmental controls, wheelchairs, orthotics and suitable housing.
- Timely and appropriate access to disability benefits.

Carers of people with MND have the right to be valued, respected, listened to and well supported

- Timely and appropriate access to respite care, information, counselling and bereavement services.

- Advising carers that they have a legal right to a Carer's Assessment of their needs¹, ensuring their health and emotional well being is recognised and appropriate support is provided.
- Timely and appropriate access to benefits and entitlements for carers.

At this point the Council to consider the following item as charitable trustees

When the Council is acting in this capacity, Council procedure rules do not apply. A corporate trustee is a corporation which has been appointed to act as a trustee of the charity. Trustees should bear in mind that when they are dealing with the business of the charity, their overriding duty is to act in the best interests of that charity.

16. **Annual report of Barr Beacon Trust Management Committee** - Report reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.