



# Walsall Council

## Corporate & Public Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on: **21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2016 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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Some items are discussed in private because of their confidential nature, and reports on these are not available for the public. A guide to the types of information which are available to the public can also be found on our website or at the Civic Centre.

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## ITEMS FOR BUSINESS

<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies</b> To receive apologies for absence from Members of the Panel.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Substitutions</b> To receive notice of any substitutions for a Member of the Panel for the duration of the meeting.	
<b>3.</b>	<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.	
<b>4.</b>	<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.	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Minutes of the previous meeting</b> To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting that took place on;-	
<b>a.</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> November 2015 and	<u>Enclosed</u>
<b>b.</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> November 2015.	<u>Enclosed</u>
<b>ITEMS FOR SCRUTINY</b>		
<b>6.</b>	<b>Resource allocation 2016/17 to 2019/20: Draft revenue budget, draft capital programme and update on financial Position.</b> To consider the updated budget report, attached as appendix 1, and make further comments/ recommendations to Cabinet to be held on 3 <sup>rd</sup> February, 2016.	<u>Enclosed</u>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Petition: Remove the bus lane on Bloxwich High Street</b> To receive a response to the petition submitted by Councillor Shaun Fitzpatrick 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2015 calling for the removal of the existing bus lane in Bloxwich High Street.	<u>Enclosed</u>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Response to the Petition: Protect our New Invention Library Service</b> To receive a response to the petition submitted on 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2015 by Councillor Hicken opposing the proposed closure of New Invention Library in 2016/17 as part of the budget proposals concerning the Library Service.	<u>Enclosed</u>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Feedback on consultation regarding the budget proposals under consideration for the Library Service</b> This report gives details of the public consultation and initial findings.	<u>Enclosed</u>

10.	<b>Review of unauthorised encampment policy</b>	<u>To Follow</u>
11.	<b>Combined authority and Devolution Deal Update</b> To receive an update on the Combined Authority for the West Midlands and the Devolution Deal.	<u>Verbal Update</u>
12.	<b>Areas of focus 2015/16 and Forward Plans</b> To review the committees areas of focus for 2015/16 and the forward plans for Walsall Council and Black Country Joint Committee.	<u>Enclosed</u>
<b>ITEMS FOR OVERVIEW</b>		
13.	<b>Date of next meeting</b> To note that the date of the next meeting will be 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2016.	

## 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.