



# 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 9TH day of JANUARY, 2017 at 6.00 p.m.** at the Council House, Walsall.

Dated this 29th day of December, 2016.

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 correct records and sign the minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 14th November and 6th December 2016.
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) **“Save Streetly Library”:**

A petition with regard to the above containing approximately 1,800 signatures has been received from Mr. S. Zetie. Report reproduced in the reports booklet for the meeting.

(b) **“Walsall Council proposed budget cuts”: Cessation of bowling greens and cricket pitches:**

A petition with regard to the above containing over 1,700 signatures has been received from Councillor Clarke on behalf of Brownhills and Oak Park Bowls Club. 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. Mayoralty 2017/18.** Pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 2(vi) to name the Mayor-Elect and Deputy Mayor-Elect for 2017/18 in accordance with the powers contained in Sections 3 and 5 of the Local Government Act, 1972.



11. To confirm the following recommendations of **Cabinet**:

(1) **Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2017/18**

That Council adopts Option B as the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for Walsall, to commence from 1 April 2017 in line with the key features of paragraph 3.3 of the report but not limited to the scheme being adopted for future years until such time as the Council considers a change to the scheme is necessary.

(Note: Report to Cabinet on 14th December 2016 reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.)

(2) **The Food and Feed Law Enforcement Plan 2016/17**

That the Food and Feed Law Enforcement Service Plan 2016/17 be approved and adopted.

(Note: Report to Cabinet on 14th December 2016 reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.)

12. To confirm the following recommendation of the **Audit Committee**:

**Annual review of Treasury Management policies and mid-year position statement 2016/17**

That Council approve the Treasury Management Policies, as set out at Appendix A and notes the mid-year position statement for treasury management activities 2016/17 including prudential and local indicators, as set out at Appendix B.

(Note: Report to Audit Committee on 21st November 2016 reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.)

13. To confirm the following recommendation of the **Personnel Committee**

**Pay policy statement 2017/2018**

That Pay Policy Statement for 2017/18 be approved.

(Note: Report to Personnel Committee on 7th December 2016 reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.)

14. **Portfolio holder briefings.** To receive a 5 minute presentation from the following portfolio holders:

- Community, leisure and culture
- Social care

(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.)