

Council – 10 July 2023

Decision note

Item	Decision
1. Elect Person to Preside	Not applicable as the Mayor was in attendance
2. Apologies	Councillors Bains, P. Bott, Nasreen, Nazir, Underhill, Ward
3. Minutes	That the amended minutes of the meeting held on 22 May 2023 be approved as a correct record.
4. Declarations of interest	None.
5. Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985	That the public be excluded during consideration of item 18 for the reasons shown as this item will take place in the private session.
6. Mayor's announcements	None
7. Petitions	The following petitions were received from Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr Bashir - Car Park in Spout Lane• Cllr Gandham - To repair and resurface Walhouse Road• Cllr Rattigan – Traffic calming measures in Floyds Lane and King George Crescent• Cllr Samra - Taxi meter fare increase
8. Questions	The questions from members and members of the public were responded to.
9. Treasury Management Annual Report	Council considered and noted (in line with the requirements of the Treasury Management Code of Practice (2021)), the Annual Treasury Management Report 2022/23 including prudential and local indicators (Appendix A).
10. Audit Committee Role and Remit and Work Programme 2023/24	Council approved the revised remit and proposed officer delegations.
11. Standards Committee Remit	Council approved the revised remit of the Standards Committee.
12. Merrion's Wood Charity Vacancy	Councillor Gandham was appointed as a Trustee of the Merrion's Wood Charity.

13. West Midlands Pension Fund Vacancy	No nominations received.
14. Portfolio holder briefing – Leader of the Council	The Leader of the Council gave a presentation and answered questions from members thereon.
15. Notice of motion - Councillors G. Perry, M. Bird and A. Andrew and co-signed by Councillors S. Elson, M. Statham, T. Wilson, P. Kaur, B. Bains, A. Harris, K. Sears, A. Parkes, G. Ali, I. Hussain, C. Statham, G. Flint, L. Harrison, M. Follows, B. Allen, J. Murray, K. Ferguson, K. Murphy, G.S.Sohal, W. Rasab, N. Gandham, E. Lee, R. Martin, C. Towe, V. Waters, L. Rattigan, A. Garcha, J. Whitehouse, P. Gill, S. Cooper, K. Pedley, R. Larden, A. Hicken and A. Hussain	<p>This Council affirms its support for the campaign led by the [James Brindley] foundation and commits to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Writing an expressed letter of support to the Secretary of State for Education and all Walsall MP's seeking their engagement in the campaign and encouragement to legislate for the change; 2. Commits to secure support from partners of influence in utilising their negotiation powers at a regional and national level; 3. Promote the campaign on individual and corporate social media channels to maximise awareness of the petition and seek public support; and 4. Endorse the foundation #safer streets programme utilising the lived experience of those involved with the foundation and others to effect a positive change culture across Walsall
16. Notice of motion – Councillors M. Bird, A. Andrew, G. Perry, A. Nawaz, K. Hussain	<p>This Council therefore the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To write to the Secretary of state for tighter regulations on the marketing of vape products, including licensing of premises, a ban on brightly coloured packaging and a review of the flavours vape companies use which are likely to appeal to children. • Call for harsher punishments for companies which flout advertising rules to promote their products on social media, and for more licensing powers to allow local authorities to ban the sale of e-cigarettes in shops near schools. <p>In addition, that we work with regional trading standards partners continuing to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry out regular test purchases and have seized products and issue fixed penalty notices when a

	<p>business has been found to be in breach of the law.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement mandatory age-of-sale signage on vaping products. • Implement sanctions for breaching these rules should also be the same as penalties handed out under tobacco display regulations.
<p>17. Notice of motion – Councillor A. Nawaz and K. Hussain</p>	<p>That this Council calls upon the administration:-</p> <p>That Cabinet receives a report setting out the business case to increase the number of days that Walsall Town Centre market operates back to pre-pandemic days – 5 days a week. To include options for Continental and Street Food markets, in Walsall and the District Centres at rents to achieve profitability or at worst cost neutral and investigate the most efficient and appropriate way to manage the Market Service to help Walsall Remain a Town known for its vibrant market helping to bring people back into the Town Centre.</p>
<p><i>Part II: Private Session</i></p>	
<p>18. Appointment of Interim Chief Executive</p>	<p>That Council approved the recommendation of Personnel Committee to appoint Emma Bennett to the post of Chief Executive (Head of Paid Service) with effect from Autumn 2023 and delegate authority to the Director of Human Resources, Organisational Development and Administration & Business Support, to the commence contractual negotiations, in consultation with the Leader of the Council.</p>