



Walsall Council

Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Thursday 19 February 2024 at 6.00PM

Meeting Venue: Council Chamber at the Council House, Lichfield Street, Walsall

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Membership:

Councillor K. Hussain	(Chair)
Councillor V. Waters	(Vice-Chair)
Councillor P. Gill	
Councillor I. Hussain	
Councillor S.B. Hussain	
Councillor R. Martin	
Councillor R.K. Mehmi	
Councillor N. Nawaz	
Councillor A. Parkes	
Councillor W. Rasab	
Councillor L. Rattigan	

Quorum:

Four Members

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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:

Subject	Prescribed description
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</p>

	hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.
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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.

Part 1 – Public Session

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Substitutions**
To receive notice of any substitutions for a Member of the Committee for the duration of the meeting.
- 3. Declarations of Interest**
- 4. 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.
- 5. Minutes**
To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2024.
(Enclosed – Pages 1-5)
- 6. NHS Commissioned Dentistry Services**
To receive an update on commissioning arrangements for dentistry services in Walsall and the progress made to resolve issues since the last update report.
(Enclosed – Pages 6-9)
- 7. Preparing for the Care Quality Commission Assurance Process of Adult Social Care**
To receive a report on the Care Quality Commission (CQC) Assurance process for Adult Social Care and the readiness preparations being made by the service.
(Enclosed – Pages 10-13)
- 8. Adult Social Care Continues Improvement & CQC ratings of Service Providers**
(To Follow)
- 9. Changes to Health Scrutiny Powers and Guidance**
To provide an overview of the changes to the statutory regulation in relation to health scrutiny powers and accompanying guidance from the Department of Health and Social Care.
(Enclosed – Pages 14-53)
- 10. Recommendation Tracker**
To review progress with recommendations from previous meetings.
(Enclosed – Pages 54-56)

11. Areas of focus for 2023/24

To review the Committee Work Programme and the Forward Plans for Walsall Council and the Black Country Executive Committee.

(Enclosed – Pages 57-68)

12. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will take place on the 4 April 2024.