

Council – 8 January 2024

Decision note

Item	Decision
1. Elect Person to Preside	Not applicable as the Mayor was in attendance.
2. Apologies	Councillors Singh Sohal, Bains, Murray, Gandham, Horton and Hassan.
3. Minutes	That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 November, 2023 be approved as a correct record.
4. Declarations of interest	None.
5. Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985	There were no items in private session.
6. Mayor's announcements	Received.
7. Petitions	None.
8. Questions	The questions from members were responded to.
9. Mayoralty 2024/25	Mayor Elect – Councillor Harris Deputy Mayor Elect – Councillor Harrison
10. Formation of Political Groups	Council noted the receipt of returns from political groups.
11. To appoint members to serve on Committees	Council approved the nominations to serve on Committees.
12. To appoint Councillor Natalie Latham as Chair of the Education Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Council approved that Councillor Natalie Latham serve as Chair of the Education Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
13. Appointment of representatives on outside bodies and charities	Council approved the nominations to serve on outside bodies and charities.

14. Auditor's Annual Report 2022/23 – Value for Money Summary	Council approved the Auditor's Annual Report 2022/23 – Value for Money Summary.
15. Recommendations of Cabinet:- (a) Treasury Management Mid-Year Position Statement	Council considered and noted (and in line with the requirements of the Treasury Management Code of Practice (2021)), the mid-year position statement for treasury management activities 2023/24 including prudential and local indicators (Appendix A).
(b) Walsall Youth Justice Annual Service Plan	<p>1.1 Council approved the Walsall Youth Justice Annual Service Plan.</p> <p>1.2 Council delegated authority to make any future minor amendments to the plan, if and when required, to the Executive Director of Children's Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children's services.</p>
16. Portfolio holder briefings	<p>The following portfolio holders gave a presentation and answered questions from members thereon:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Internal Services – Councillor Ferguson: and b. Children, Early Help, Social Care and Youth Justice – Councillor Elson