



Walsall Council

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council of the Metropolitan Borough of Walsall to be held on **MONDAY the EIGHTH day of NOVEMBER, 2010 at 6.00 p.m.** at the Council House, Walsall.

Dated this 29th day of October, 2010.

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 a correct record and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13th September, 2010.
4. Declarations of interest.
5. Mayor's announcements.
6. To receive any petitions.

7. To answer any questions in accordance with Council procedure rules:

(a) From the public - **None**

(b) From members of the Council

Councillor Robertson – Street lighting contract (Councillor Harris)

“How many times has Amey not delivered as agreed in the street lighting contract in each quarter over the last two years and what fines have then been imposed? Also what costs have been charged in each of these quarters to the Council and partners for other services such as installation of signs on these lamp posts?”

8. To confirm the following recommendation of the **Licensing and Safety Committee**:

Review of statement of Licensing Policy

That the changes to the Council’s current statement of licensing policy contained in Appendix 2 of the report be approved.

(Note: Report to Licensing and Safety Committee on 20 October 2010 reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.)

9. **Members allowances.** Report reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.

10. **Appointment of independent member to Standards Committee.** Report reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.

11. **Portfolio holder briefing.** To receive a 5 minute presentation from the portfolio holder for Social Care and Health (Councillor McCracken). A copy of the presentation is reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.

(Note: A member of the Council may ask the portfolio holder any question and another associate question without notice upon the each report. Questioning by members is limited to 10 minutes for each report presented.)

12. Membership of Scrutiny and Performance Panels:

To note that the following members have been appointed to the undermentioned panels in place of the late Councillor Griffiths for the remainder of the municipal year:

- Corporate Scrutiny and Performance Panel – Councillor Sanders
- Environment Scrutiny and Performance Panel – Councillor Munir
- Social Care and Inclusion Scrutiny and Performance Panel – Councillor Azam

13. Catherine Walker's Charity:

- (a) To note that Councillor Cassidy has resigned as a trustee of the charity.
- (b) To appoint a trustee to the Charity for the balance of the 4 year period expiring on 14th September 2013.

14. To consider the following motion, notice of which has been duly given by **Councillors Nazir, Robertson, Burley, Sarohi, Westley, Barton and Oliver:**

This Council welcomes the decision of the Secretary of State for Education to reinstate the building projects at Darlaston and Shelfield secondary schools, following the significant concerns caused by the unnecessary delay.

However this Council remains appalled by the actions of the Secretary of State in cancelling the Walsall Building Schools for the Future wave 6a programme affecting the future of six of our secondary schools (Joseph Leckie, Frank F. Harrison, Alumwell, Pool Hayes, Shire Oak and Streetly).

This Council believes that this decision will disadvantage thousands of young people in Walsall, and along with other Government proposals, will increase the development of a two tier education system for our Borough.

This Council therefore calls on the Secretary of State to reverse this short-sighted decision, and to reinstate the above Building Schools for the Future programme - which would have been implemented under a Labour government.

(Note: Report reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.)

15. To consider the following motion, notice of which has been duly given by **Councillors Bird and A. Andrew:**

This Council strongly object to the recently released proposals of the Electoral Reform Society (ERS) which would see Constituencies in this borough ripped apart to make up the numbers for other areas. We understand that the ERS will not be making the final decision but we call on the Boundary Commission and the Government to ensure that the Borough of Walsall is not used to make up the numbers in other areas and that the borough remains intact when the constituency boundaries are re-drawn.

A time will come for this Council to debate new boundaries but we call on officers to inform the Boundary Commission and the Government of the resolution of this Council to see our borough and the communities within it to be treated as communities and not just numbers.

(Note: Report reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.)

16. To consider the following motion, notice of which has been duly given by **Councillors Cassidy, Robertson, Burley, Oliver, Wilkes, Chambers and Westley:**

This Council notes, with regret, the contents of the briefing note regarding Sneyd School, considered by the Children's and Young People Scrutiny and Performance Panel at its meeting on 27th September, 2010 and resolves to formally acknowledge that all children and young people who have attended the school during the past five years have been offered a very poor experience in terms of their education.

Notes with concern the slow, and in some cases static, levels of GCSE attainment at Key stages 4 and 5 within parts of the Borough

Resolves to address further strategic challenges, including the development of post-16 education, and our performance relating to looked-after children.

Calls for the immediate re-constitution of an oft-promised successor body to WEB (Walsall Education Board), which was dissolved in 2008 but which has still to be replaced.

(Note: Report reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.)