



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 17th day of April 2023 at 6.00 p.m.** at the Council House, Walsall.

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Dated this 5th day of April, 2023

Yours sincerely,

Interim 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 23rd February, 2023 - Copy Enclosed (**Pages 5 – 26**)
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. To answer any questions in accordance with Council procedure rules:
 - (a) From the public: None

Mr. Rohim Uddin

The consultation on indicative changes to the National Planning Policy Framework closed on 2 March 2023. One proposed change is described as confirmation that the standard methodology is an advisory starting point for establishing a housing requirement. A footnote prioritises brownfield/under-utilised urban sites.

What is the view of Walsall Council of the effect of the proposed changes, together with the announcement in the recent budget of Central Government making money available to the region for regeneration of brownfield sites for affordable housing, upon formulating a local plan with focus on affordable housing on brownfield sites as opposed to executive homes on greenbelt sites?

- (b) From members of the Council: None

9. Scrutiny Annual Report - Copy Enclosed (**Pages 27 – 45**)
10. Corporate Parenting Board Annual Report – Copy Enclosed (**Pages 46 – 60**)
11. Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education - Constitution – Copy Enclosed (**Pages 61 – 78**)
12. To confirm the following recommendations of **Licensing and Safety Committee**: -

Gambling Act 2005 – Policy and statement of principles (Pages 79 – 142)

1. That members receive the revised Statement of Principles for the period 2023/26 and recommend it to full Council for approval and adoption; and
2. That members agree that the Licensing Service as part of its ongoing desire to protect the health of the communities of Walsall work with partners both internal and external to raise the profile of organisations, charities and services that can assist those who may suffer harm because of gambling.

(**Note:** Report dated 5th April, 2023 reproduced for this meeting)

13. To confirm the following recommendations of **Audit Committee:-**

Annual Audit Report (Pages 143 – 176)

1. That Audit Committee notes the Annual Audit Report (Appendix 1).
2. That the Committee notes that the report will be forwarded to full Council for their consideration and for noting.

(**Note:** Report dated 11th April, 2023 reproduced for this meeting)

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

- a. Customer – Councillor G. Ali (**Pages 177 – 182**)
- b. Clean and Green – Councillor Murphy (**Pages 183 – 185**)

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

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

This Council recognises the importance of having defibrillators and bleed kits accessible, especially in public spaces, sports grounds and Government funded facilities.

This Council understands the role that it has in facilitating the delivery of new defibrillators and bleed kits across our Borough in collaboration with the voluntary and community sector, businesses and partner organisations.

This Council acknowledges the benefits of the rollout of defibrillators by the Government to all state-funded schools that currently don't have one, with over 20,000 expected to be delivered by the end of the academic year to 18,000 schools.

This Council commits to working with the local community to find suitable places to place defibrillators, acknowledging that they are most effective within 3 minutes of a person collapsing.

This Council, therefore, resolves to commission a report into the accessibility of defibrillators and bleed kits in Walsall and take any steps necessary to ensure that there is a defibrillator and bleed kit within a 3-minute radius of our local centres and high-streets including a campaign of improved public awareness of where these are and how to use them as well.

At this point the Council to consider the following item as charitable trustees *When the Council is acting in this capacity, Council procedure rules do not apply. A corporate trustee is a corporation which has been appointed to act as a trustee of the charity. Trustees should bear in mind that when they are dealing with the business of the charity, their overriding duty is to act in the best interests of that charity.*

16. **Annual report of Barr Beacon Trust Management Committee.** Report reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting. **(Pages 186 – 189)**