



Walsall Council

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **ANNUAL MEETING** of the Council of the Metropolitan Borough of Walsall to be held on **MONDAY the TWENTIETH day of MAY, 2013, at 6.00 p.m.** at the Council House, Walsall.

Dated this 10th day of May, 2013.

Yours sincerely,

Chief Executive.

The business to be transacted is as follows:

1. Apologies.
2. Election of Mayor for the Municipal Year 2013/2014.
3. Appointment of Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2013/2014.
4. To approve as correct records and sign the minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 8th April and 7th May, 2013.
5. Mayor's announcements.
6. Presentation of badges to retiring Mayor and Mayoress.

7. Vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor.

**The Mayor to move that the Council adjourn until
6.00 pm on Wednesday 22nd May 2013**

8. Declarations of interest.

9. 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.

10. To receive any petitions.

11. Formation of Political Groups. Report of the Chief Executive to follow.

12. Members appointed to the Executive.

(Note: Document to be circulated prior to the meeting.)

13. To appoint members to serve on Committees.

(Note: Document to be circulated prior to the meeting.)

14. To appoint Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees.

(Note: Document to be circulated prior to the meeting)

15. Constitution and timetable of meetings 2013/2014. Report reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.

16. If necessary to consider the suspension of Council Procedure Rule 9 to enable the remaining items on the agenda to be dealt with at this meeting.

17. **Appointment of representatives on outside bodies and charities.** To appoint representatives to serve on outside bodies and charities for the municipal year 2013/2014.

(Note: Completed template to be circulated prior to the meeting.)

18. To confirm the following recommendation of **Cabinet**:

Devolution through Area Partnerships

That the Area Panels (Area Committees) be created as detailed in this report and that the Constitution be amended accordingly.

(Note: Report to Cabinet on 24th April 2013 reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.)

19. To confirm the following recommendation of the **Health and Wellbeing Board**:

Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

That the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy be approved.

(Note: Health and Wellbeing Strategy reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.)

20. **Statutory Scrutiny Officer.** Report reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.

21. To consider the following motion, notice of which has been duly given by **Councillors Oliver, S. Coughlan, Ditta, Nazir and Jeavons**:

This Council notes

- the recent Treasury Select Committee report (Budget 2013) comments in relation to the government's Help to Buy housing scheme
- the shortfall in new social housing being built since the extension of the Right to Buy legislation in the 1980 Housing Act.

And therefore calls upon both the Conservative and Liberal Democrat coalition Government and the opposition Labour Party:

- to recognise the lead role which can and should be played by local authorities to co-ordinate and help finance this longstanding and increasing shortfall in the availability of and access to affordable housing
- to commit to greater public investment in the construction of social and affordable housing in the borough of Walsall, both for rent and for market sale, so as to provide homes for our citizens and to give a real boost to the local economy.

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

22. To consider the following motion, notice of which has been duly given by **Councillor Smith**:

Given the higher than national average level of unemployment in Walsall, the on-going pressure on benefits and the drive to get those on benefits back to work, this Council commits to looking into legally acceptable ways and means of the Council as an employer, giving employment opportunity priority to unemployed people who live in the Borough of Walsall for appropriate job vacancies, also commits to using its influence on Agencies that provide workers for Walsall Council services to do likewise and finally commits to using its influence to encourage private sector employers to do likewise.

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

23. To consider the following motion, notice of which has been duly given by **Councillors Worrall, Jeavons, Ditta, Hussain, Anson, Burley, Thomas, Westley, Lane, Illmann-Walker, Creaney, D. Coughlan, Chambers, Cassidy, J. Fitzpatrick, S. Fitzpatrick, Young, Oliver, James, Jukes and S. Coughlan**:

This Council call upon CENTRO to operate the Walsall bus station toilets as a free facility for all users and not to impose charges.

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