



# 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 12TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2011 at 6.00 p.m.** at the Council House, Walsall.

Dated this 2nd day of September, 2011.

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 11th July, 2011.
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

(1) **Councillor Nazir – Residents parking scheme**

“What consultation occurred with those residents who are part of a residents’ parking scheme to give them the opportunity to make their case against this increase before imposing an up to 150% increase in their charges?”

(2) **Councillor Chambers – Renovations to properties**

“How many privately owned and tenanted properties in Thames Road, Valley Road and Smithfield Road have recently been renovated? What is the total cost of those renovations? How was the project funded and what contribution, if any, was made by the owners of private properties?”

(3) **Councillor Robertson – Stray horses**

“Can you list the actions taken against the 80 illegally placed stray horses which are currently on Council owned land since the last Council meeting in July 2011?”

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

**Promotional site event**

That Council refuse permission for the use of a promotional site as requested by Nikki Sinclair, MEP, under Section 115(E) of the Highways Act, 1980 as it does not meet the prescribed Regulations.

(Note: Report to Licensing and Safety Committee on 20th July 2011 reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.)

**9. Community Services Scrutiny and Performance Panel co-opted member from West Midlands Police Authority** To consider any recommendation from the Panel from its meeting to be held on 6th September 2011.

(Note: Any recommendation from the Panel will be circulated at the meeting.)

**10. Chief Constable of West Midlands Police - discussion.**

**11. Local Government Act, 1972 – attendance at meetings.** Report reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.

**12. Designation of Statutory Officer post.** Report reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.

**13. Elected members on Walsall's Fostering and Adoption Panels.** Report reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.

**14. Portfolio holder briefings.** To receive 5 minute presentations from the following portfolio holders:

- Business support services (Councillor Arif)
- Finance and personnel (Councillor Towe)

Copies of the presentations are 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.)

**15. Blanch Woollaston Charity**

- (a) The term of office of Councillor Bott expires on 13th September 2011.
- (b) To appoint a Trustees to the Charity for a period of 3 years expiring on 13th September 2014.

**16. To consider the following motion, notice of which has been duly given by Councillors Robertson, Young and Thomas:**

Council recognises that the escalation of numbers of itinerant scrap metal merchants and their activities amongst residential areas in the Borough continues to cause a great deal of problems in their neighbourhoods.

Council welcomes the activities of legitimate dealers who obey the law and in earning a living, also contribute to recycling targets in Walsall.

Council proposes to pursue the following actions:

- (1) To support a national campaign to make a small legal change so that payments for scrap can only be paid into a bank account and payment in cash is not allowed.
- (2) Facilitate a working group meeting under the relevant scrutiny committee with guidance of the area partnerships to which all relevant parties are invited to produce a report directly to Cabinet and Council within 3 months. This report to contain recommendations as to how this issue can be resolved. This working party to explore the drafting of a by law for this Borough to deal with this issue.
- (3) If no agreement is reached Council instructs Officers to use the full powers of existing legislation with our partners to control this nuisance on our streets.

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