



## **Economy and Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

Meeting to be held on: **15 January 2018 AT 6.00PM**

Your attendance is requested at the above meeting, which will be held at, the Council House, Lichfield Street, Walsall, WS1 1TW.

A list of the items of business to be considered at the meeting, together with any supporting papers is enclosed. Please bring the papers with you to the meeting.

**MEMBERSHIP:**

Councillor I. Shires (Chair)  
Councillor A. Hicken (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor B. Allen  
Councillor B. Chattha  
Councillor S. Coughlan  
Councillor S. Craddock  
Councillor C. Creaney  
Councillor L. Jeavons  
Councillor C. Jones  
Councillor W. Rasab  
Councillor G. Singh Sohal

**PORTFOLIO HOLDERS:** Councillor A. Andrew – Deputy Leader and Regeneration  
Councillor L. Harrison – Clean and Green  
Councillor G. Perry – Community, Leisure and Culture  
Councillor C. Towe – Education and Skills

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Some items are discussed in private because of their confidential nature, and reports on these are not available for the public. A guide to the types of information which are available to the public can also be found on our website or at the Civic Centre.

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## ITEMS FOR BUSINESS

1.	<b>Apologies</b> To receive apologies for absence from Members of the Committee.	
2.	<b>Substitutions</b> To receive notice of any substitutions for a Member of the Committee for the duration of the meeting.	
3.	<b>Declarations of interest and party whip</b> To receive declarations of interest or the party whip from Members in respect of items on the agenda.	
4.	<b>Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (as amended)</b> 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.	
5.	<b>Minutes of previous meeting</b> To approve the minutes of the meeting that took place on 22 November 2018.	<u>Enclosed</u>
<b>ITEMS FOR OVERVIEW</b>		
6.	<b>Areas of focus – 2018/19</b> To consider the areas of focus for the Committee during 2018-19. The report includes the Forward Plans of Walsall Council and Black Country Joint Executive Committee.	<u>Enclosed</u>
7.	<b>Presentation from Chair of Black Country LEP - Dr Chris Handy OBE.</b>  To receive a presentation from Dr Chris Handy OBE – Chair of Black Country LEP and Chief Executive of Accord Housing Group. This presentation will outline work plans for future growth in the Borough, developments of the regeneration corridor and Garden City Concept.	<u>Presentation</u>
8.	<b>Presentation from Chief Executive of Black Country Consortium – Sarah Middleton</b>  To receive a presentation from Sarah Middleton – Chief Executive of Black Country Consortium on the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) Assurance Framework following a request by the Committee at it's meeting on 18 October 2018. This presentation provides the Committee with an update on future governance arrangements of LEP.	<u>Presentation</u>

<b>9.</b>	<b>Presentation from SHAP – Sustainable Housing Action Partnership</b>  To receive a presentation from Rosemary Coyne – SHAP Co-ordinator on the work carried out by SHAP with the housing sector and an overview of work with modular homes.	<u>Presentation</u>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Black Country UNESCO Global Geopark Project</b>  The report provides an overview of ABCA's application to UNESCO for Global Geopark status for the Black Country which was presented at the Cabinet meeting on 12 December 2018.	<u>Enclosed</u>
<b>11.</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b> To note that the date of the next scheduled meeting is 19 February 2018.	

## The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012

### Specified pecuniary interests

The pecuniary interests which are specified for the purposes of Chapter 7 of Part 1 of the Localism Act 2011 are the interests specified in the second column of the following:

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Prescribed description</b>
Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.
Sponsorship	<p>Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the relevant authority) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by a member in carrying out duties as a member, or towards the election expenses of a member.</p> <p>This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Regulations (Consolidation) Act 1992.</p>
Contracts	<p>Any contract which is made between the relevant person (or a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest) and the relevant authority:</p> <p>(a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and</p> <p>(b) which has not been fully discharged.</p>
Land	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the relevant authority.
Licences	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the relevant authority for a month or longer.
Corporate tenancies	<p>Any tenancy where (to a member's knowledge):</p> <p>(a) the landlord is the relevant authority;</p> <p>(b) the tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest.</p>
Securities	<p>Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where:</p> <p>(a) that body (to a member's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the relevant authority; and</p> <p>(b) either:</p> <p>(i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or</p> <p>(ii) if the share capital of that body is more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.</p>

**Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972 (as amended)**

**Access to information: Exempt information**

**Part 1**

**Descriptions of exempt information: England**

1. Information relating to any individual.
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.
5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
6. Information which reveals that the authority proposes:
  - (a) to give any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
  - (b) to make an order or direction under any enactment.
7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.
8. Information being disclosed during a meeting of a Scrutiny and Performance Panel when considering flood risk management functions which:
  - (a) Constitutes a trades secret;
  - (b) Its disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the risk management authority);
  - (c) It was obtained by a risk management authority from any other person and its disclosure to the public by the risk management authority would constitute a breach of confidence actionable by that other person.