



Walsall Council

Neighbourhoods Scrutiny and Performance Panel

Meeting to be held on **25 November 2008, 6.00PM**

Your attendance is requested at the above meeting, which will be held at the Council house, Walsall. 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 Towe (Chair)
Councillor Creaney (Vice Chair)
Councillor Beeley
Councillor Bott
Councillor R. Martin
Councillor Mushtaq
Councillor D. Pitt
Councillor Woodruff

Portfolio Holder:

Councillor Harrison – Leisure and Culture
Councillor Perry – Communities & Partnerships
Councillor Walker – Environment
Councillor Harris – Transport
Councillor Andrew – Deputy Leader

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Agendas and reports are available for inspection from the Council's Scrutiny Team at the Council House, Walsall (Telephone 01922 653317) or on our website www.walsall.gov.uk.

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.

ITEMS FOR BUSINESS

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| 1. | <p>Apologies To receive apologies for absence from Members of the Panel.</p> | |
| 2. | <p>Substitutions To receive notice of any substitutions for a Member of the Panel for the duration of the meeting.</p> | |
| 3. | <p>Declarations of interest and party whip To receive declarations of interest or the party whip from Members in respect of items on the agenda.</p> | |
| 4. | <p>Minutes To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting that took place on 16 October 2008.</p> | <u>Enclosed</u> |
| 5. | <p>Development Opportunities To consider the available training opportunities for Members.</p> <p><i>Scrutiny of Crime: Justice & Policing – 12 December 2008</i></p> <p>Please contact Marie Davies on 01922 655669 if you are interested in attending either of the above courses.</p> | <u>Enclosed</u> |
| 6. | <p>Forward Plan To consider the Forward Plan of Key Decisions that was issued on 7 November.</p> | <u>Enclosed</u> |
| 7. | <p>Chairs Announcement To receive an announcement from the Chairman on a recent permission for urgent business regarding a Cabinet decision on Bereavement Services.</p> | |
| 8. | <p>Walsall Illuminations To inform the panel of the outturn of the 2008 Illuminations.</p> | <u>Enclosed</u> |
| 9. | <p>Sustainable Travel to School Strategy This report seeks the comments of the Neighbourhoods Scrutiny and Performance Panel on Walsall Council's Sustainable School Travel Strategy before it is sent to Cabinet for approval. The Education and Inspections Act, 2006, introduced a statutory requirement for each Local Authority in England to produce a sustainable school travel strategy.</p> | <u>Enclosed</u> |
| 10. | <p>Gating Orders Policy This report seeks the comments of Members on the draft Gating Orders Policy before it is considered by Cabinet for approval.</p> | <u>Enclosed</u> |
| 11. | <p>Neighbourhoods Directorate Budget Summaries To provide Members with an overview of each service operated by the Neighbourhoods Directorate.</p> | <u>Enclosed</u> |
| 12. | <p>Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group – Update To receive an update on recent activity undertaken by the anti-social behaviour working group.</p> | <u>Enclosed</u> |
| 13. | <p>Date of next meeting To note that the date of the next meeting is 6.00pm on Thursday 4 December 2008.</p> | |