

Cabinet

Wednesday 17 March 2021 at 6.00 p.m.

Meeting via Microsoft Teams: Public access: <https://youtu.be/YOhuNJnWq1Y>

Portfolios

Councillor M.A. Bird,
Leader of the Council



Councillor G. Perry,
Deputy Leader and
Resilient Communities



Councillor A. Andrew
Deputy Leader and
Regeneration



Councillor C. Towe,
Education and skills



Councillor R. Martin,
Adult social care



Councillor S. Craddock,
Health and wellbeing



Councillor T. Wilson,
Children's



Councillor B. Chattha
Personnel and
business support



Councillor O. Butler,
Clean and green



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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:

Subject	Prescribed description
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.

Part I – Public session

1. Apologies

2. Minutes – 10 February 2020

3. Declarations of interest

4. **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.

5. **Petitions.**

(Note: For advice on how to submit petitions, contact Democratic Services. Contact details on the front page of the agenda).

6. **Questions**

(30 minutes will be allowed for pre-submitted questions from non-executive members and the public. All questions will have been submitted at least 7 clear days before the meeting. Answers will be provided at the meeting - no supplementary questions will be allowed.)

From Katherine Moreton – question regarding Settled Status for EU citizens.

The deadline for EU citizens to register for Settled Status is 30th June 2021

Other councils are taking active steps to contact EU residents e.g. Brighton & Hove City Council have delivered a postcard to all addresses in the city, with a friendly message on the front, "We want EU citizens to stay in Brighton & Hove", and information sources, including phone numbers, on the back.

There are EU citizens registered on the Electoral Roll, but there may be others living in less formal circumstances such as sub-let's and HMO's and who may not be on the electoral roll.

Some EU citizens are working in roles where they have no formal contact with employers or HR resources to tell them about the new rules, such as self-employed tradesmen workers in the app-based gig economy.

I'm sure that the council would like all its EU citizens to continue to live their lives here.

With these points in mind, could the council leader give me the plan of action to contact Walsall's EU citizens so that nobody fails to apply before the end of June?

Then if I am allowed to ask additional questions then if like to ask these:

Can the council leader tell me about the resources, i.e. budget and officer time, that has been allocated to contacting EU citizens?

Can the council leader tell me what target has been set for the number of EU citizens to be successfully registered for Settled status in Walsall?

Can the council leader tell me how many of Walsall's EU citizens have been successfully registered to date?

From Shokt Fazal, Birchills Agenda 21 Vice Chairman

Question 1

As vice chair of Birchills agenda 21 can we ask for urgent action to be taken to reduce speeding related accidents in Bentley Lane Birchills. We had another Road collision on Saturday 13th February 21 between a bus and car. This has added to the numerous other incidents in 18 months. We have raised issues with local councillors but await council budget appraisal.

Question 2

Will the council executive , cabinet and chamber members agree to increase funding to Walsall council community litter group and recognise the Efforts of council officers Richard Upton and Beth Deeley and volunteer members.

We have gained Keep Britain Tidy community engagement award and this needs to be acknowledged by council executive team and best practice transferred to council depts.

7. Forward plan

Deputy Leader and Regeneration: Councillor Andrew

Key decisions

8. Black Country Tenancy Strategy
9. Voluntary Refugee Community Sponsorship Scheme for Walsall
10. Black Country Transport Hub Collaboration Agreement
11. West Midlands Strategic Transport Plan Settlement and Transport Capital Programme 2021/22

Deputy Leader and Community, Leisure and Culture: Councillor Perry

Key decision

12. Making Connections Walsall – contract extension

Health and wellbeing: Councillor Craddock

Non-Key decision

13. Mental Wellbeing impact of Covid-19 – progress on Action Plan

Personnel and business support: Councillor Chattha

Key decision

14. Professional Services provider for Capital Construction Projects – award of contract

Education and Skills: Councillor Towe

Key decision

15. Early Years Funding Formula

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Part II – Private session

Deputy Leader and Regeneration: Councillor Andrew

Key decisions

16. Regional Materials Recycling Facility - Coventry

[Exempt information under paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972 (as amended)]

17. Black Country Enterprise Zone: Financial Borrowing

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