



Walsall Council

## Neighbourhood Scrutiny and Performance Panel

MEETING  
TO BE HELD ON

**TUESDAY 13 JUNE 2006**

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 Burley (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor Aslam  
Councillor Ault  
Councillor Beeley  
Councillor Beilby  
Councillor Bott  
Councillor K. Phillips  
Councillor Woodruff

**Portfolio Holder:**

Councillor Harrison – Leisure and culture  
Councillor Perry – Safer stronger communities,  
Partnerships and vision 2021  
Councillor Walker – Environment and street pride  
Councillor O'Hare - Resources

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## ITEMS FOR BUSINESS

<b>1.</b>	Apologies	
<b>2.</b>	Substitutions	
<b>3.</b>	Declarations of interest and party whip.	
<b>4.</b>	Local Government (Access to information) Act 1985: To agree that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of those items set out in the private agenda for the reasons set out therein and Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972.	
<b>5.</b>	Minutes of previous meeting held on. 5 <sup>th</sup> April 06	<u>Enclosed</u>
<b>6.</b>	Feedback from special meetings and working groups. – a) Illuminations workshop 10 April 06 – Councillor Towe to report.	<u>Minutes enclosed</u>
<b>7.</b>	Key Discussion Items: a) Presentations on panel's remit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Safety – Brian Holland/Nozmul Hussain to report.</li> <li>• Leisure, Culture and Lifelong Learning – Tim Challans to report.</li> <li>• Neighbourhood Partnerships &amp; Programmes – Julie Ball to report.</li> <li>• Built Environment – Keith Stone to report.</li> </ul> b) Current position and proposed work programme 2006/7 – Councillor Towe to report. c) Establishment of working groups – Councillor Towe to report. d) Green spaces strategy – Tim Challans/ Sam Mill to report.	<u>Power point presentations</u>          <u>Report enclosed</u>   <u>Report enclosed</u>   <u>To Follow</u>
<b>8.</b>	Performance and monitoring items:  a) To agree to invite Vanessa Holding to the August meeting to consider this item in detail.	
<b>9.</b>	Items requested for information:  <u>a) Resolution of Cabinet following the Strategic Review of Community Association funding – Report of the Community Organisation Leisure and Culture Scrutiny and Performance Panel.</u> Cabinet Wednesday, March 22, 2006 (1) That Cabinet thanks the Community Organisation, Leisure	

	<p>and Culture Scrutiny Panel for the work that it has done on this review. This is an example of scrutiny working productively and helpfully on important issues. (2) That Cabinet supports a number of recommendations. In particular recommendations 1, 3, 4, 5 and 7 reflect very much the way it is hoped that the community associations will develop in the future. (3) That Cabinet endorses wholeheartedly the focus of the scrutiny panel on the need for quality control and for community associations to establish stronger links with local neighbourhood partnerships. Governance arrangements regarding funding have never been stronger or as important (4) That Cabinet reaffirms its decision of only funding activities that meet the criteria of Transforming Youth Work and insisting on quality provision from trained youth workers, which has paid off and resulted in the very positive feedback received from the Government Office for the West Midlands. (5) That Cabinet requests community associations to consider the two key challenges which face them: firstly to address the historic over reliance on council funding for those services, beyond the statutory youth service, which they wish to provide, and secondly to demonstrate the real impact of their activity in local communities. The Council is now entering a Local Area Agreement with the government, which sets out demanding targets for improvements in the local economy, health and children's services and for creating safer, stronger communities. The focus must be on the things that really make a difference in these areas and all community associations are invited to consider how their activities from now on can really contribute to help meet these demanding targets.</p>	
<b>10.</b>	Training opportunities: No courses identified at this stage.	
<b>11.</b>	<p>Forward Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) LNP Agreements - cabinet 14 June</li> <li>b) Green Spaces Strategy – cabinet on 12 July</li> <li>c) Corporate Asset Management – cabinet 12 July</li> <li>d) Highway Maintenance procurement strategy – cabinet 12 July.</li> <li>e) Bereavement services – proposals for future service delivery, review of funding for service improvements and revising fees – cabinet 12 July</li> <li>f) Enforcement of kerbside collection – cabinet 6 September</li> </ul>	
<b>12.</b>	Late items:	
<b>13.</b>	<p>Date of next meeting: To confirm the date of the next meeting to be 17 August 2006</p>	