

Councillor Call for Action

Date:	8th September 2009.	30th September 2009.	30th September 2009.
Time:	10.00am	2.30pm	6.00pm
Duration:	2 hours	2 hours	2 hours
Venue:	Conference Room	Conference Room	Conference Room
Target Audience:	All Elected Members	All Elected Members	All Elected Members

Councillor Call for Action briefings can also be delivered in group meetings. To arrange this please contact Organisational Development on 01922 655715.

Workshop Overview:

At the end of the workshop you will understand:

- What a Councillor Call for Action is
- The areas in which Councillor Call for Action can be used
- The appropriate time to raise a Councillor Call for Action and examples of action that could be taken before raising one
- How to raise a Councillor Call for Action
- What will happen once you've raised a Councillor Call for Action

Linked to Pledges (in red):

Quality services	Aspiring and achieving	Quality of life	Healthy	Free from discrimination
Safe and secure	Effective use of resources	Economic well-being	Active	Transformation

Workshop Details:

The Local Government White Paper 'Strong and Prosperous Communities' first introduced the concept of a 'Community Call for Action' for Local Government matters back in 2006. This was alongside a separate and distinctive 'Call for Action' provision on crime and disorder matters contained within the Police and Justice Act 2006 (P&J Act 2006). Crime and disorder Calls for Action would be referred to the designated scrutiny and performance panel for crime and disorder issues which the Police and Justice Act 2006 requires local authorities to have. The Community Services Scrutiny and Performance Panel is Walsall's scrutiny and performance panel responsible for crime and disorder matters.

The results of the consultation on Calls for Action by the Department for Local Government and Communities led to the two 'Calls for Action' being amended to have the same processes in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and created the 'Councillor Call for Action' (CCfA). In practice CCfA will be an additional tool for Councillors to assist them in completing their regular ward work.

The CCfA protocol for Walsall was agreed by Council on 20th May 2009 and explains that a CCfA should only be invoked once all other means of progressing an issue have been exhausted. It is likely that the majority of issues should be solved without the need for a referral to a scrutiny panel therefore the training will highlight typical courses of action that could be taken before undertaking a CCfA.

The procedure for raising and processing a CCfA will also be described so that Members understand what to expect if they should ever need to raise one.