

Council – 23rd February 2023

Decision note

Item	Decision
1. Elect Person to Preside	Not applicable as the Mayor was in attendance
2. Apologies	Councillors James, Rasab, Ferguson and Clarke.
3. Minutes	<p>That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 January, 2023, copies having been sent to each member of the Council, be approved as a correct record subject to the following amendment:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- That minute number 50 be amended to remove the word (unanimous) and replace with (17 in favour and 16 against) next to the word 'Resolved'.-
4. Declarations of interest	None
5. Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985	There were no items in private session
6. Mayor's announcements	Received
7. Petitions	None
8. Questions	Responded to.
9. Pay policy statement and living wage 2023/24	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That the Pay Policy Statement for 2023/24 be approved; and2. That the continuation of the living wage as detailed in the Pay Policy (as set out in section 6.5 of appendix 1) and as set out in section 4.2., option a, of the report, be approved.
10. a) Corporate Budget Plan 2022/23 -2025/26 b) Council Tax Premium	<p>Recommendations as set out in the report approved:- CMIS > Meetings (walsall.gov.uk)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That from 1 April 2024, the length of time before being able to charge council tax premium, for properties that have been empty and unfurnished for more than 1 year, be reduced to one year rather than current two.

	<p>2. That Council approves the introduction of a 100% council tax premium from 1 April 2024 for furnished properties that are no-ones sole or main residence.</p> <p>3. That Cabinet delegates to the Executive Director for Children’s and Customer Services, in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder, authority to amend the recommendations to Council in the event of any changes to the Bill during its passage through the legislative process</p>
<p>11.</p> <p>(a) Portfolio holder briefing –</p> <p>(b) Portfolio holder briefing – Health and Wellbeing</p>	<p>The Deputy Leader and Resilient Communities Portfolio holder for gave a presentation and answered questions from members thereon.</p> <p>The Portfolio holder for Health and Wellbeing, gave a presentation and answered questions from members thereon.</p>