



**Walsall Council**

## **Education & Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

Meeting to be held on: **4 APRIL 2017 AT 6.00 PM**

Your attendance is requested at the above meeting, which will be held at the Council House, Lichfield Street, Walsall, WS1 1TW. 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:**

Chair: Councillor C.D.D. Towe  
Vice Chair: Councillor T. Jukes

Councillor D. Barker  
Councillor A. Ditta  
Councillor M. Follows  
Councillor N. Gultasib  
Councillor E. Hazell  
Councillor A. Kudhail  
Councillor E. Russell  
Councillor M. Ward  
Councillor T. Wilson

**NON-ELECTED VOTING MEMBERS:** Lichfield Diocesan Education (voting) – Vacancy  
Archbishop of Birmingham Representative -  
Vacancy  
Parent Governors – Ms M. Wollaston;  
Ms T. Tunnell;  
Vacancy

**NON-ELECTED NON-VOTING  
MEMBERS:**

Primary Teacher Representative – Mr R. Bragger  
Secondary Teacher Representative – Ms P. Welter

**PORTFOLIO HOLDER:**

Councillor R. Burley – Children's Services and  
Education

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## ITEMS FOR BUSINESS

1.	<p><b>Apologies</b> To receive apologies for absence from Members of the Panel.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Substitutions</b> To receive notice of any substitutions for a Member of the Panel for the duration of the meeting.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Declarations of interest and party whip</b> To receive declarations of interest or the party whip from Members in respect of items on the agenda.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (as amended)</b> 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 (if applicable).</p>	
5.	<p><b>Minutes</b> To approve and sign the minutes of the special meeting that took place on 28 January 2017 and of the meeting that took place on 16 February 2017.</p>	<u>Enclosed</u>
<b><u>Scrutiny</u></b>		
6.	<p><b>Update from the Education Challenge Board and the SENDI Challenge Board</b> To consider an update on the improvement and progress of the Education Challenge Board and the Special Educational Needs, Disability and Inclusion Challenge Board.</p>	<u>Enclosed</u>
7.	<p><b>Feedback from Members that undertook visits to Walsall children's homes</b> To hear from those Members who have undertaken a visit to Walsall's children's homes.</p>	<u>Verbal report</u>
8.	<p><b>Feedback from Members appointed to engage with New Belongings and Council-4-Kids</b> To hear from those Members who have engaged with New Belongings and Council-4-Kids.</p>	<u>Verbal report</u>
9.	<p><b>Corporate Parenting Board</b> To consider an update on the activity and operation of the Corporate Parenting Board.</p>	<u>Enclosed</u>

10.	<p><b>Looked After Children and Care Leavers</b> To consider an update on the services that help and protect looked after children and care leavers.</p>	<u>Enclosed</u>
11.	<p><b>Child Poverty Working Group - update</b> To consider an update on the work of the Child Poverty Working Group.</p>	<u>To follow</u>
<u>Overview</u>		
12.	<p><b>Work programme and forward plans</b> To look at the latest versions of the work programme and Forward Plan of Key Decisions from Cabinet and the Black Country Executive Joint Committee to identify any further matters which Members feel may benefit from scrutiny.</p>	<u>Enclosed</u>
13.	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b> To note that the date of the next meeting will be approved by the Council in May 2017.</p>	

## 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:

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Prescribed description</b>
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.