



You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council of the Metropolitan Borough of Walsall to be held on **MONDAY the 6TH day of JANUARY 2020 at 6.00 p.m.** at the Council House, Walsall.

Dated this 20th day of December 2019.

Yours sincerely,

Chief Executive.

The business to be transacted is as follows:

1. To elect a person to preside if the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are not present.
2. Apologies.
3. To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 4th November 2019.
4. Declarations of interest.
5. **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.
6. Mayor's announcements.
7. To receive any petitions.

8. To answer any questions in accordance with Council procedure rules:

(a) From the public: None

(b) From members of the Council:

(1) **Councillor Shires – Misuse of fireworks**

“Does the portfolio holder for Community, Leisure and Culture share the concerns of many of my constituents about the misuse of fireworks and related anti-social behaviour that we have witnessed not just on bonfire night but throughout the year.

What action has he taken to prevent future anti-social behaviour related to the misuse of fireworks and what help if any has the Council given to the Police and the Fire Service to tackle this problem?”

(2) **Councillor Jeavons – Public Spaces Protection Orders in Beechdale**

“How many penalty notices have the council issued in relation to the current PSPO in place in Beechdale?

How many of above tickets have been carried through to their conclusion in terms of enforcement?

How long on average does each ticket take to process?”

(3) **Councillor Shires – New train stations at Willenhall and Darlaston**

“Can the Leader of the Council please confirm that following his discussions with the Mayor of the West Midlands Combined Authority in the weeks leading up to Christmas, when he expects work to start on the new train stations at Willenhall and Darlaston?

Can he also confirm that both stations will be operational in time for the Commonwealth Games in July 2022?”

9. **Mayorality 2020/21.** Pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 2(vi) to name the Mayor-Elect and Deputy Mayor-Elect for 2020/21 in accordance with the powers contained in Sections 3 and 5 of the Local Government Act, 1972.

10. To confirm the following recommendation of **Cabinet**:

Treasury management mid-year position statement 2019/20

To note and forward to Council, for consideration and noting (and in line with the requirements of the Treasury Management Code of Practice (2017)), the mid-year position statement for treasury management activities 2019/20 including prudential and local indicators (Appendix A).

(Note: Report to Cabinet on 18th December 2019 reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.)

11. **Implementing new scrutiny guidance**: Recommendations from Scrutiny Overview Committee to make amendments to the Constitution. Report reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.

12. **Portfolio holder briefings**. To receive a 5 minute presentation from the following portfolios:

- Community, leisure and culture
- Health and wellbeing

(Note: A member of the Council may ask the portfolio holder any question and another associate question without notice upon each report. Questioning by members is limited to 10 minutes for each report presented.)

13. To consider the following motion, notice of which has been duly given by **Councillor Shires (lead member) and Councillor Barker**:

This Council notes that:

- Our children, residents and staff, are exposed to what is considered to be unsafe levels of pollutants outside our schools at peak times during the “school run” in the morning and afternoon.
- Road transport is one of the biggest contributors to particulate matter and pollution across the Borough of Walsall.
- Epidemiological studies show that symptoms of bronchitis in asthmatic children increase in association to long term exposure to pollutants, as well as stunting growth.
- Only a handful of schools across England are trialling “No Vehicle Idling Zones” even though such trials have proven to bring many health benefits.
- Air pollution poses a serious threat to the health and development of young people. While many of the policy interventions to rectify this problem would have come from central Government and the West Midlands Combined

Authority, this Council needs to do more to become more proactive on this issue.

- That there should be No Idling Zones around schools across the Borough.

This Council therefore resolves to request that Cabinet:

- Review the work done on No Vehicle Idling Zones by other local authorities across England in order to produce an Action Plan for Walsall on No Vehicle Idling Zones.
- Implement No Vehicle Idling Zones around all primary schools in the Borough by the end of 2022.
- Work closely with schools that are part of the scheme to engage with and inform parents and carers of the need for No Vehicle Idling Zones.
- Encourage all local businesses to sponsor “Green Walls” on school buildings and tree planting near to schools and that the appropriate Cabinet member include this in the Action Plan.
- Submits a report to the Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee in 2020, 2021 and 2022, setting out progress made on the above points.

(Note: Report reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.)

14. To consider the following motion, notice of which has been duly given by **Councillors Ward (lead member), Nawaz, Hussain, Burley, Jeavons and Robertson:**

This Council:

- Notes that 41% of children that live in Walsall are living in poverty and that the number of people having to use food banks has dramatically increased since 2010 with over 3 million food parcels handed out in 18/19.
- Notes and thanks the many volunteers and organisations across the Borough that run and manage food banks to help those in need.
- Expresses great concern at the growing reliance on food banks across the Borough, particularly by families with children.

We call upon the Council to:

- Follow other local authorities and introduce Food Collection Points at the Civic Centre and other Council owned civic buildings.
- Request its partners across the public sector to introduce the same at their buildings.
- Write to all supermarkets in the Borough to ask them to donate any unsold food at the end of the day to local organisations that can help feed those in need.

(Note: Report to follow)