



Walsall Council

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council of the Metropolitan Borough of Walsall to be held on **MONDAY the TWENTY-FIRST day of APRIL, 2008 at 6.00 p.m.** at the Council House, Walsall.

Dated this 11th day of April, 2008.

Yours sincerely,

Chief Executive.

The business to be transacted is as follows:-

1. Apologies.
2. To elect a person to preside if the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are not present.
3. To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 25th February 2008.
4. Declarations of interest.
5. Mayor's announcements.
6. To receive any petitions.

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

(a) From the public.

Mr. Keith Astin, 142A Lichfield Road, Brownhills

“I understand that a review is underway to overhaul the delivery of leisure services in the Walsall Borough, I would like to know whether there will be a reduction in costs for using leisure services and whether under 12’s will have free use of facilities?”

(b) From members of the Council.

(1) Councillor J. Phillips – Ring Road (Councillor Harris)

“Could the Cabinet member responsible for Transport issues, Councillor Harris, please confirm if the works on the Ring Road from Pleck Road to the Arboretum are scheduled for completion on time, and could he inform us of the projected completion dates and tell us if there is any projected delay in the completion of these works?”

(2) Councillor Smith – Charges for Neighbourhood Care Officers

“Would the portfolio holder inform me, this Council and the public of the details of any plans being considered to introduce a charge on those older and disabled residents, who are not in receipt of housing and Council tax benefits, for visits by Neighbourhood Care Officers (NCO’s) whose service they presently receive for free?”

(3) Councillor Smith – Demolition of properties in Blakenall

“Would the Portfolio holder guarantee me, this Council and the public that there will be no further demolition of houses, flats or bungalows in the Blakenall ward in the next 10 years at least other than those that are empty and awaiting demolition and those properties where residents have already been informed that their homes are due to be demolished?”

(4) Councillor Smith – Planning permissions

“Would the Portfolio holder inform me, this Council and the public how many cases there are at the moment, that have been brought to the Council’s attention of businesses that are operating in the Borough of Walsall without appropriate planning permission?”

8. **State of Walsall debate.** Statement by the Leader of the Council.

9. To confirm the following recommendations of **Cabinet:-**

Rights of Way Improvement Plan

That Walsall Borough's Rights of Way Improvement Plan be adopted as approved Council policy.

(Note: 1. The report to Cabinet relating to this recommendation is reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.

2. The recommendation is subject to a "call-in" and will be considered by Cabinet on 16 April 2008. The decision of Cabinet will be reported at the meeting.)

10. **Corporate risk management.** Report reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.

11. **Annual scrutiny report 2007/2008.** Report reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.

12. **Annual report of Barr Beacon Trust Management Committee.** Report reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting