Walsall Council

Economy and Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on: **7 July 2022 AT 6.00PM**

Meeting to be held at: Town Hall

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MEMBERSHIP:

Councillor M. Follows (Chair)
Councillor B. Allen (Vice-Chair)
Councillor P. Bott
Councillor C. Creaney
Councillor A. Garcha
Councillor I. Hussain
Councillor P. Kaur
Councillor R. Larden
Councillor A. Nazir
Councillor J. Whitehouse
Councillor R. Worrall

PORTFOLIO HOLDERS:

Councillor A. Andrew – Deputy Leader and Regeneration
Councillor G. Perry – Deputy Leader and Resilient Communities
Councillor O. Butler – Clean and Green
Councillor C. Towe – Education and Skills

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ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1.	**Apologies** To receive apologies for absence from Members of the Committee.	
2.	**Substitutions** To receive notice of any substitutions for a Member of the Committee for the duration of the meeting.	
3.	**Declarations of interest and party whip** To receive declarations of interest or the party whip from Members in respect of items on the agenda.	
4.	**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.	
5.	**Minutes of the previous meeting** To approve the minutes of the meeting on 14 April 2022.	Enclosed
ITEMS FOR SCRUTINY		
6.	**Response to petition: 'Pedestrian Crossing for Birmingham Road, Aldridge, enabling the safety of school children'** To receive a response to the petition requesting a pedestrian crossing for Birmingham Road, Aldridge.	Enclosed
ITEMS FOR OVERVIEW		
7.	**Areas of focus – 2021/22** To consider the areas of focus for the Committee during 2022/23. Presentations will be received from the Leader, Deputy Leader (Resilient Communities) and the Portfolio Holder for Clean and Green on their priorities for the forthcoming year. The Executive Director will also provide a presentation on services within the remit of the Committee.	Enclosed
8.	**Forward Plans** To receive the latest Forward Plans: • Cabinet • Black Country Joint Executive Committee • West Midlands Combined Authority Board	Enclosed

9.	**Recommendation Tracker** To consider progress on recommendations from the previous meeting.	Enclosed
10.	**Date of next meeting** To note the date of the next meeting will be 13 September 2022.	

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:

Subject	**Prescribed description**
Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.
Sponsorship	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. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Regulations (Consolidation) Act 1992.
Contracts	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: (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and (b) which has not been fully discharged.
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	Any tenancy where (to a member's knowledge): (a) the landlord is the relevant authority; (b) the tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest.
Securities	Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where: (a) that body (to a member's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the relevant authority; and (b) either: (i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or (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.

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.