



Walsall Council

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **ANNUAL MEETING** of the Council of the Metropolitan Borough of Walsall to be held on **MONDAY the EIGHTEENTH day of MAY, 2009, at 6.00 p.m.** at the Council House, Walsall.

Dated this 8th day of May, 2009.

Yours sincerely,

Chief Executive.

The business to be transacted is as follows:-

1. Apologies.
2. Election of Mayor for the Municipal Year 2009/2010.
3. Appointment of Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2009/2010.
4. To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 20th April, 2009.
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 - (a) Mayor's announcements.
 - (b) Other business.
6. Presentation of badges to retiring Mayor and Mayoress.

7. Vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor by Councillor G. Perry.

**The Mayor to move that the Council adjourn until
6.00 pm on Wednesday 20th May 2009**

- 8 . Declarations of interest.

9. To receive any petitions.

- 10. Formation of Political Groups.**

(Note: Report of the Chief Executive to follow.)

- 11. Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.** Report reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.

- 12. Appointment of Leader and Deputy Leader** of the Council for the municipal year 2009/2010.

- 13. To agree the number of members to be appointed to the Executive** and appoint those members to the Cabinet.

(Note: Document to be circulated prior to the meeting)

- 14. To appoint members to serve on Committees**

(Note: Document to be circulated prior to the meeting.)

- 15. To appoint Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees.**

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16. **Constitution and timetable of meetings 2009/2010.** Report reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.

17. If necessary to consider the suspension of Council Procedure Rule 9 to enable the remaining items on the agenda to be dealt with at this meeting.

18. **Appointment of representatives on outside bodies and charities.** To appoint representatives to serve on outside bodies and charities for the municipal year 2009/2010.

(Note: Completed template to be circulated prior to the meeting.)

19. To consider the following motion, notice of which has been duly given by **Councillors Cassidy, Wilkes, Robertson, Chambers and Oliver:**

This Council welcomes the enormous opportunity provided by both “Building Schools for the Future” and the “Primary Capital Programme” to improve our Walsall schools. However, we also place on record our concerns in relation to the fact that Walsall Children’s Services/SERCO and the Cabinet do not have a coherent and well-planned strategy in place in relation to secondary school provision across our Borough.

This Council considers the debacle that has surrounded the proposed closure of Sneyd School to be a consequence of the aforementioned piecemeal approach to secondary education, and therefore resolves to take no further action in relation to school closures and transfers until such time that a borough-wide strategy can be formulated, presented and debated by Council.

Furthermore, this Council recognises as legitimate concerns raised by primary school parents, teachers and governors that cuts to their budgets – as agreed by the Schools Forum as a precept to “Building Schools for the Future” – could have a devastating effect on the extra levels of support to pupils in many disadvantaged areas of Walsall. This Council therefore determines to review this policy at the earliest opportunity.