



Walsall Council

Scrutiny Overview Committee

Meeting to be held on: **12 December 2022 at 6.00 P.M.**

Meeting to be held via: **Council House and Microsoft Teams**

Public access to meeting via: www.WalsallCouncilWebcasts.com

MEMBERSHIP:

Chair: Councillor Murray

Vice Chair: Councillor Nawaz

Councillor Bains

Councillor P. Bott

Councillor Cooper

Councillor Ditta

Councillor Follows

Councillor Hicken

Councillor K. Hussain

Councillor Samra

Councillor Singh-Sohal

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL:

Councillor Bird

PORTFOLIO HOLDERS:

All

ITEMS FOR 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 (if applicable).	
5.	Minutes To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2022.	<u>Enclosed</u>
6.	WATMOS Community Homes Constitutional Changes To receive a report on proposed changes to the constitution of Watmos Community Homes and make comments	<u>Enclosed</u>
7.	Customer Engagement To receive a report on how the Council is engaging and responding to customers, and how officers deal and respond to Member enquiries	<u>To Follow</u>
8.	Planning Services Performance & Resources to Deliver New Housing To receive a response to the recommendations made by the Scrutiny Overview Committee in October 2022, and updates on performance and monitoring within the Planning service area.	<u>Enclosed</u>
9.	Feedback from Overview & Scrutiny Committees To receive any feedback from meetings of Overview & Scrutiny Committees since the last meeting.	<u>Enclosed</u>
10.	Recommendation Tracker To consider progress on recommendations from the previous meeting.	<u>Enclosed</u>
11.	Areas of Focus 2022-23 To review the Committee's Work Programme and the Forward Plans for Walsall Council and the Black Country Executive Committee.	<u>Enclosed</u>
12.	Date of next meeting To note that the date of the next meeting will be 7 February 2023.	

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	<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 an Overview and Scrutiny Committee 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.