

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 16TH MAY, 2013
AT 6:00PM
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
COUNCIL HOUSE
DUDLEY

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AND REPORTS**

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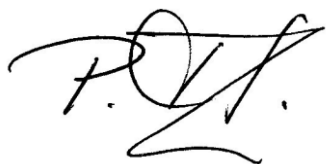
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DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH

You are hereby summoned to attend the Annual Meeting of the Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council to be held at the Council House, Priory Road, Dudley on Thursday, 16th May, 2013 at 6.00 pm for the purpose of transacting the business set out in the numbered agenda items listed below.



PHILIP TART
DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE RESOURCES

8th May, 2013

A G E N D A

PRAYERS

1. TO ELECT THE MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH FOR THE 2013/2014 MUNICIPAL YEAR
2. THE MAYOR TO MAKE AND SUBSCRIBE TO THE REQUISITE DECLARATION
3. TO ELECT THE DEPUTY MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH FOR THE 2013/2014 MUNICIPAL YEAR

NB: Following the election of the Deputy Mayor, there will be a short adjournment to enable Re-Robing to take place

4. THE DEPUTY MAYOR TO MAKE AND SUBSCRIBE TO THE REQUISITE DECLARATION

NB: Following this item there will be speeches by the new and former Mayor and the presentation of badges

5. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record and sign the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 15th April, 2013 (Pages CL/61 – CL/64)

6. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

7. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT
8. APPOINTMENT AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE CABINET, COMMITTEES AND COMMUNITY FORUMS FOR 2013/14 AND RELATED MATTERS

Report of the Director of Corporate Resources (Pages 1 - 16)
9. CONSTITUTION AND SCHEME OF DELEGATION

Report of the Director of Corporate Resources (Pages 17 - 18)
10. ORDINARY MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL, CABINET, COMMITTEES AND COMMUNITY FORUMS FOR 2013/14

Report of the Director of Corporate Resources (Pages 19 - 33)
11. APPOINTMENTS/NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Report of the Director of Corporate Resources (Pages 34 - 35)
12. TO CONSIDER ANY BUSINESS NOT ON THE AGENDA WHICH BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES THE MAYOR IS OF THE OPINION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AT THE MEETING AS A MATTER OF URGENCY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 100B(4) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL
AT THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 15TH APRIL, 2013
AT 6.00 PM AT THE COUNCIL HOUSE, DUDLEY**

PRESENT:-

Councillor Mottram (Mayor)
Councillor A Finch (Deputy Mayor)
Councillors A Ahmed, K Ahmed, Ali, Mrs Ameson, Arshad, A Aston, M Aston, Attwood, Mrs Billingham, Bills, Blood, Body, Boleyn, Branwood, Burston, Casey, Caunt, Cotterill, Cowell, Crumpton, Duckworth, Elcock, Evans, K Finch, Foster, Hale, Hanif, Harley, Harris, Hemingsley, Herbert, Hill, Islam, James, J Jones, L Jones, Jordan, Kettle, Lowe, Marrey, J Martin, Miller, Ms Nicholls, Partridge, Perks, Ridney, Roberts, Mrs Rogers, Russell, Mrs Shakespeare, Mrs Simms, Sparks, Sykes, Taylor, Mrs H Turner, K Turner, S Turner, Tyler, Vickers, Mrs Walker, Waltho, Mrs Westwood, C Wilson, M Wilson, Wood, Woodall, Wright and Zada; together with the Chief Executive and other Officers.

PRAYERS

The Mayor's Chaplain led the Council in prayer.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received on behalf of Councillors Davies and Mrs P Martin.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interests, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, were made by the following Members:

Councillor Zada – Minute No. 30 of the Audit and Standards Committee (Annual Audit Report in relation to Children's Services) - Non-pecuniary interest as a Governor at the Northfield Primary School and an employee of the Black Country Partnership Foundation Trust in respect of Children's Services.

Councillor C Wilson – Minute No. 67 of the Development Control Committee (Planning Application No. P12/1588 - Heath House, Ounty John Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge) – Non-pecuniary interest as he knew the applicants.

Councillor Wright – Minute No. 67 of the Development Control Committee (Planning Application No. P12/1447 Site of Former Cradley High School, Homer Hill Road, Cradley) - Non-pecuniary Interest as a tenant of Midland Heart (the applicant).

Councillor Wright – Minute No. 74 of the Development Control Committee (Planning Application No. P12/1598 - Land between Black Country Living Museum and Dudley Zoological Gardens) – Non-pecuniary interest as a Trustee of the Black Country Living Museum.

Councillor Zada – Minute No. 75 of the Development Control Committee – Non-pecuniary interest in any reference to the National Health Service as an employee.

Councillor Cowell – Minute No. 24 of the Licensing and Safety Committee (Alcohol Consumption in Public Places, Quarry Bank Area) – Non-pecuniary interest as a ward member for the area concerned.

The Chief Executive, Directors, Assistant Directors and the Treasurer – Minute No. 71 of the Cabinet (Pay Policy Statement) – Pecuniary interest in view of the financial information and employment terms and conditions referred to in the report submitted to the Cabinet meeting.

Councillor S Turner – Minutes of the Children’s Services Scrutiny Committee – References to his employer, Ian Austin MP.

Councillor Wright - Any references to Midland Heart - Non-pecuniary interest as a tenant of Midland Heart.

Councillor Crumpton - All matters affecting schools - Non-pecuniary interest as a relative works as a supply teacher.

Councillor A Aston - Any references to matters affecting West Midlands Ambulance Service (WMAS) - Pecuniary interest as an employee of WMAS.

Councillor M Aston - Minute No. 35 of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee (Reference to WMAS) - Non-pecuniary interest as her son is an employee of WMAS.

Councillor Body – Delegated Decision Summary No. 41 (Extra care development at the site of former Cradley High School – access route – Homer Hill Park and Trust) - Non-pecuniary interest as the Chair of the Friends of Homer Hill Park and access to the extra care home is on Homer Hill Park land.

Councillor Burston – Action Note No. 4 of Netherton, Woodside and St Andrews, Quarry Bank and Dudley Wood Community Forum (Parking charges at Cradley Heath railway station) - Non-pecuniary interest on account of employment with CENTRO.

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MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meetings held on 25th February and 4th March, 2013, be approved as correct records and signed.

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MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) Chat Back – Diana Award

The Mayor reported that the Chat Back Group had recently received a national 'Diana Award'. Following remarks by Councillor Crumpton, the Mayor presented the award to representatives of the Chat Back Group and the Council congratulated the Group on this achievement.

(b) Death of former Brierley Hill MP - Sir Fergus Montgomery

The Mayor referred in sympathetic terms to the recent death of the former Brierley Hill MP, Sir Fergus Montgomery.

(c) St George's Day Events – 20th April, 2013

The Mayor reported on the St. George's Day celebrations and events in Dudley Town Centre on 20th April, 2013.

(d) Charity Bowls Match – 10th May, 2013

The Mayor reported on the Charity Bowls Match on 10th May, 2013 at 6.30 pm at Coseley Cricket Club.

(e) Charity Tandem Ride

The Mayor reported on the arrangements for a charity tandem ride at Halesowen Velodrome on 4th May, 2013.

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CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING

A report of the Cabinet was submitted.

It was moved by Councillor Sparks, seconded by Councillor Ali and

RESOLVED

- (1) That current progress with the 2012/13 Capital Programme, as set out in Appendix A to the report now submitted, be noted and that budgets be amended to reflect the reported variances.

- (2) That the Council's redistributed Kickstart funding of £252,000 be reinvested through current Housing Assistance Grants schemes, and that this expenditure be included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 6 of the report now submitted.
 - (3) That the Cabinet Member for Housing, Libraries and Adult Learning, the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services and the Director of Corporate Resources be authorised to bid for and enter into an Energy Company Obligations funding arrangements, as set out in paragraph 7 of the report now submitted.
 - (4) That the Schools Grant allocations be noted, and the associated spend included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 8 of the report now submitted.
 - (5) That the urgent amendments to the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraphs 9 and 10 of the report now submitted, be noted.
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QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 11

During questions asked under Council Procedure Rule 11, there were no decisions that the Leader, Cabinet Members or Chairs agreed to have reconsidered.

The meeting ended at 8.45 p.m.

MAYOR

Annual Meeting of the Council – 16th May, 2013

Report of the Director of Corporate Resources

Appointment and Membership of the Cabinet, Committees and Community Forums for 2013/14 and Related Matters

Purpose of Report

1. To receive a report of the Leader on the appointment of the Deputy Leader and Members of the Cabinet and to consider the appointment and membership of Committees and a number of related matters for the 2013/14 municipal year.

Background

Appointment of the Deputy Leader and Members of the Cabinet

2. Article 7 of the Council's Constitution prescribes that the Cabinet will consist of the Leader together with at least 2, but not more than 9 other Councillors appointed to the Cabinet by the Leader. Under Article 7, it is the responsibility of the Leader to maintain the list of responsibilities and executive functions allocated to Cabinet Members.
3. The Leader is proposing that the Cabinet comprises of 10 members (including himself) with the designations shown on the lists to be circulated at the meeting. The list of responsibilities and executive functions allocated to Cabinet Members is set out under Part 3 of the Constitution and these will be updated accordingly. In view of the changes for Libraries and Adult Learning (which includes Archives), it is also proposed that the Chief Executive be authorised to determine appropriate organisational arrangements for the Libraries, Archives and Adult Learning Division.
4. The Leader will report at the meeting on the appointment of the Deputy Leader and the designation of Cabinet Members for the 2013/14 municipal year, as set out in the lists to be circulated at the meeting. The Constitution provides that Cabinet Members appointed by the Leader shall hold office until:
 - (a) they resign from office; or
 - (b) they are no longer Councillors; or
 - (c) they are suspended from being councillors (although they may resume office at the end of the period of suspension); or
 - (d) they are removed from office, either individually or collectively, by the Leader.

5. Cabinet Procedure Rules provide that other political groups on the Council may nominate Members from their Group to attend meetings of the Cabinet. Such Members may speak at the meeting, but may not vote. The Opposition Group nominations will be made in accordance with proportionality.

Appointment and Membership of Committees

6. On 25th April, 2013, the Cabinet received a report on a review of the Council's scrutiny arrangements. The report presented the outcomes of a review undertaken by Scrutiny Chairs and is available in full on the Council's Internet site or on request from Democratic Services (01384 815235). The principles of the review are to strengthen the Council's overview and scrutiny arrangements; to ensure proper democratic accountability and to promote confidence in the conduct of the Council's business. The review also takes account of the context of the significant financial pressures faced by the Council and the need to focus limited resources in the most effective way.
7. The Cabinet endorsed the recommendations of Scrutiny Chairs, which can be summarised as follows:
 - That an Overview and Scrutiny Management Board be established with 11 elected members, comprising the Chairs/Vice-Chairs of the five Scrutiny Committees and one additional Member to comply with overall political proportionality requirements.
 - That the revised structure of overview and scrutiny committees, as set out in Appendix 1, be approved and adopted and that each Scrutiny Committee comprise 11 elected members (with co-opted members in the case of Children's Services and the possible future appointment of a co-opted member on the Health Scrutiny Committee).
 - That the future role of Scrutiny Committees be developed on the basis set out in the report to the Cabinet (including the development of an Annual Scrutiny Plan, which will be considered at the first meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on 29th May, 2013).
 - That the terms of reference of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board and the five Scrutiny Committees be as set out in Appendix 2 and that all Scrutiny Committees retain the discretion to include a "Public Forum" on their agenda.
 - That the proposed servicing arrangements be noted and that the Director of Corporate Resources confirm the nomination of lead officers for the Scrutiny Committees along with the ongoing Democratic Services support.
 - That the Director of Corporate Resources consider the nomination of a lead officer in respect of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board to replace the former statutory role of Scrutiny Officer and that the level and quality of support to the Scrutiny Committees be considered as an ongoing issue as part of the implementation of the revised structures.

- That the scrutiny of the Council's revenue budget proposals continue on the basis of reports to the individual Scrutiny Committees.
 - That development sessions be held for members and officers to discuss the revised overview and scrutiny arrangements.
 - That the Director of Corporate Resources undertake a review of Article 6 of the Constitution (Scrutiny Committees) and the Scrutiny Procedure Rules and Protocols to give effect to the changes.
 - That the revised arrangements be subject to ongoing review and further consideration by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board in November, 2013.
8. The Council's Procedure Rules prescribe that the Council, at its Annual Meeting, will appoint at least one Scrutiny Committee and such other Committees as the Council considers appropriate to deal with matters which are neither reserved to the Council nor are executive functions, and will in this connection:
- (a) decide the size and terms of reference for Committees;
 - (b) appoint Chairs and Vice-Chairs for Committees;
 - (c) decide the allocation of seats and substitutes to political groups in accordance with the political balance rules;
 - (d) receive nominations of Councillors to serve on each Committee.

The proposals of the majority group in respect of issues (a) to (c) above and the nominations of the political groups regarding Members to serve on each Committee will be circulated at the meeting.

9. There are currently two political groups represented on the Council:-

Labour (42 seats)

Conservative (28 seats)

(NB: There is 1 Independent Conservative Councillor and 1 Councillor representing the Green Party)

The Regulations provide that a political group is constituted where two or more Members of the Council give notice that they wish to be treated as a group.

10. Under Sections 15 and 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the Council is required to provide for political balance on Committees. It is proposed that the composition of the following Committees be determined in accordance with political balance:

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

Scrutiny Committees (x5)

Appeals Committee

Appointments Committee

Audit and Standards Committee

Development Control Committee

Ernest Stevens Trusts Management Committee

Licensing and Safety Committee

Taxis Committee

11. The political balance 'rules' provide that political groups are entitled to be allocated seats on Committees in accordance with the proportion of seats they hold on the Council.
12. Section 17 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, authorises the Council to approve different arrangements (eg: not reflecting political balance) provided no Member of the Council votes against them.

Terms of Reference and Onward Delegation of Functions

13. The terms of reference and onward delegation of functions are set out in Part 3 of the Constitution. The terms of reference of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board and Scrutiny Committees are as set out in Appendix 2.

Appointment of Co-opted Representatives to Serve on the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee and the Health Scrutiny Committee

14. The Council has previously appointed co-opted representatives to serve on the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee. The persons appointed in 2012/13 were as follows:-

Non-Elected Voting Members

Parent Governor Representatives
Secondary Schools - Vacancy
Primary Schools - Mr Songole
Special Schools - Mr Tinsley

Church Representatives
Worcester Diocesan Board of Education – Revd Wickens
Archdiocese of Birmingham – Mrs Ward

Non-elected, Non-voting Members

Teacher Representatives:
Primary Education – Mrs Verdegem
Secondary/Special Education – Mr Lynch/Mr Bruton

Church Representative:
Free Churches – Mr Taylor

Persons with experience of and interest in Education in the Borough:
Mrs Coulter
Mr Ridley

15. For 2013/14, it is proposed that the same number of co-opted representatives be appointed to serve on the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee. The names of the persons nominated for co-option to the Committee for 2013/14 will be submitted in the lists to be circulated at the meeting. These co-opted members will also be required to serve on any meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board that may be necessary to determine scrutiny 'call ins', insofar as they concern education issues.

16. The Health Scrutiny Committee will assist the Council to fulfil statutory scrutiny functions and respond to the provisions of the Health and Social Care Act 2012. The Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 make provision for greater flexibilities for local authorities in discharging health scrutiny functions. These include obligations on NHS bodies, relevant health service providers and local authorities concerning consultation on substantial developments or variations to services to aid transparency and local agreement. The requirements of the new Regulations will be reflected in the functions of the Health Scrutiny Committee. The potential appointment of a co-opted member will be the subject of a further report to the Committee in due course.
17. In order to mitigate any delay in their serving, the Council has previously authorised the Director of Corporate Resources, in consultation with the Leader, to appoint non-elected co-opted Members to fill any vacancies that might arise from time to time. Approval is requested for the same facility to apply in 2013/14.

Licensing Act 2003 – Statutory Functions

18. In accordance with the Licensing Act 2003, the Council is required to make provision for the appointment of a Licensing Committee to undertake functions relating to liquor licensing. The Licensing and Safety Committee undertakes the statutory functions under the 2003 Act, with the exception of the approval of the licensing policy and any other specific functions that may be reserved to full Council. The Committee comprised 12 Members in 2012/13. In practice, the majority of licensing applications are dealt with by the Licensing Sub-Committees. For 2013/14, it is proposed to appoint Licensing Sub-Committees on the same basis as the previous year. The establishment of the Sub-Committees, together with the appointment of Members and allocation of functions, will be considered at the first meeting of the main Committee in the 2013/14 municipal year.
19. The Council has previously decided to waive the proportionality requirement in respect of the Licensing Sub-Committees. It is proposed that the waiver be re-affirmed for 2013/14.

Appeals Committee

20. In previous years, the Council has established separate Committees to deal with appeals, most recently the Disciplinary, Dismissal, Grading Appeals Committee and the Appeals Panel (Children's Services Transport). To streamline and simplify the administrative arrangements, it is recommended that a single Appeals Committee be established for 2013/14. The Appeals Committee will have delegated powers to determine all appeals in cases where a right of appeal to elected members exists under any of the Council's policies or procedures.
21. The Appeals Committee will comprise 9 elected members, with the option to establish smaller Sub-Committees to hear individual cases (eg: 3 members to hear school transport appeals). Training will be provided to Members prior to their hearing any individual appeals.

West Midlands Police and Crime Panel

22. The West Midlands Police and Crime Panel is established as a joint Committee of the 7 West Midlands District Councils, with a membership of 12 elected members and 2 co-opted members . The membership of the Panel comprises a Councillor from each of the 7 West Midlands Councils plus 5 additional elected members to be appointed on the basis of 2 from Birmingham City Council; 2 to be jointly nominated by the Black Country Councils and 1 member to be jointly nominated by Coventry City Council and Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council. As in 2012/13, the Council is requested to endorse the establishment of the West Midlands Police and Crime Panel as a joint Committee on the basis outlined above. A report elsewhere on the agenda deals with the appointment of this Council's representative to this body (and a named substitute) for the 2013/14 municipal year.

Substitute Members of Committees

23. Council Procedure Rules 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4 currently provide for the appointment of substitute Members of Committees. The arrangements for the appointment of substitute Members, as set out in the Council Procedure Rules, have worked successfully and it is recommended that they be continued in 2013/14.

Members should note that the Council Procedure Rules provide that a substitute Member shall only be appointed in that capacity if he/she is otherwise eligible to serve on the body concerned. This would include a requirement, particularly in the case of quasi-judicial meetings (eg: Development Control Committee and Appeals Committee), that the Member concerned has undertaken any necessary training as required by the Council.

Changes in Committee Memberships

24. Regulations made under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 require the Council's Committees to reflect the overall political balance of the Council and take account of the wishes of political groups when allocating Members to Committees. From time to time during the municipal year, it may be necessary for changes to be made in the allocation of Committee Memberships to reflect the wishes of the political groups. It is therefore recommended that the Director of Corporate Resources be authorised to make any such changes that might arise from time to time in accordance with the instructions of the Leaders of the political groups.

Dudley Health and Wellbeing Board

25. The Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 make provision for the disapplication and modification of certain enactments relating to local authority committees, including the rules on proportionality. The Regulations aim to provide local areas with the flexibility and freedom to shape health and wellbeing boards to fit local circumstances.

26. The Dudley Health and Wellbeing Board has existed in 'shadow' form since 2011. With effect from 1st April, 2013, the Dudley Health and Wellbeing Board is established under Section 194 of the Health and Social Care Act 2013. A report on the next steps for the Board, including governance arrangements, was submitted to the Dudley Health and Wellbeing Board on 29th April, 2013. It was agreed that the membership be as set out in Appendix 1 to the report submitted to that meeting and that the Council be recommended that the voting arrangements remain the same as previously adopted under the successful 'shadow' arrangements. The elected Members nominated to serve on the Board for 2013/14 will, therefore, be as follows:

Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing
Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services
Cabinet Member for Children, Libraries and Lifelong Learning
Opposition Spokesperson for Health and Wellbeing

Community Forums

27. During the previous municipal year, the Council established 9 Community Forums to replace the former Area Committees. In 2012/13, the Community Forums comprised the elected representatives of the following wards:-

- Amblecote/ Cradley and Wollescote/ Lye and Stourbridge North
- Belle Vale/Halesowen North/Halesowen South/Hayley Green and Cradley South
- Brierley Hill/Brockmoor and Pensnett
- Castle and Priory/ St James's/ St Thomas's
- Coseley East/ Sedgley
- Gornal/ Upper Gornal and Woodsetton
- Kingswinford North and Wall Heath/Kingswinford South/Wordsley
- Netherton, Woodside and St Andrew's/ Quarry Bank and Dudley Wood
- Norton/Pedmore and Stourbridge East/Wollaston and Stourbridge Town

28. Following consultation with the Leader, it is proposed to establish 10 Community Forums in 2013/14. These are on the basis set out above, with the exception of the wards below, which will comprise two separate Community Forums as follows:-

- Belle Vale//Hayley Green and Cradley South
- Halesowen North/Halesowen South

29. The political balance rules do not apply to Community Forums as these are not Committees of the Council and comprise all the ward Councillors for the areas concerned.
30. The appointment of the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Community Forums will be considered at the first meeting of each Forum in the municipal year.
31. On 26th November, 2012, the Council agreed that the revised area arrangements be the subject of an ongoing review to ensure that they remain flexible. Further, it was agreed that a full review of the operation of the Community Forums be undertaken after 12 months of experience (ie: by February 2014). The Community Forums will be the subject of a process of ongoing review and development during the year.

Members' Allowances Scheme

32. On 26th November, 2012, the Council decided that, pending a review of the Members' Allowances Scheme in 2013, no special responsibility payments be made to the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Community Forums. A similar decision was made on 25th February, 2013 in relation to the Ernest Stevens Trusts Management Committee. Under the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003, the Council has a duty to review the indexing arrangements in its Allowances scheme every 4 years. This was last undertaken in July 2009. There have been no increases in Members' Allowances since 2009 as the Allowances are linked to pay awards for Council staff. The Council has a duty to have regard to recommendations made by an Independent Remuneration Panel when reviewing the Members' Allowances Scheme. The Council has previously appointed 4 Independent Persons in line with the standards provisions of the Localism Act 2011. In view of the changes to governance arrangements, it is recommended that the Council confirm that the 4 Independent Persons will form the Independent Review Panel and that the Panel be asked submit recommendations to the Council in July, 2013.

Finance

33. The financial implications arising from the proposals in this report will be met from existing resources.

Law

34. The relevant statutory provisions regarding the Constitution and arrangements with respect to executives are contained in Part II of the Local Government Act, 2000, as amended by the Local Government Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, together with Regulations, Orders and Statutory Guidance issued by the Secretary of State. The rules on proportionality are contained in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and associated regulations.
35. The power to appoint Committees and to delegate functions to Committees and Officers is set out in Sections 101 and 102 of the Local Government Act 1972.

36. Seats on Committees must be allocated to political groups on a proportional basis in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.
37. If it so wishes, the Council may resolve not to apply the proportionality rules in respect of one or more Committees, but such a resolution must be passed with no Member of the Council voting against it (Section 17 of the 1989 Act).
38. The rules on proportionality do not apply to Community Forums because the Forums are not Committees of the Council and they comprise all the ward councillors for the areas concerned.
39. The implications of the Localism Act 2011 have been reflected in this report, including the freedoms to consider governance structures and the provisions relating to standards.
40. The duty to allocate seats on a politically proportional basis does not apply to a Licensing Committee or to Sub-Committees established under the statutory requirements of the Licensing Act 2003. However, the proportionality duty does apply to the Licensing and Safety Committee in discharging other licensing functions not covered by the 2003 Act (eg functions under the Gambling Act 2005). The Council has previously agreed that the proportionality requirements of Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 should not apply to the Licensing Sub-Committees established by the Licensing and Safety Committee, to enable them to deal with all licensing business requiring Member determination. It is recommended that this should also apply to any Sub-Committee established by the Audit and Standards Committee to consider complaints against Members under the Council's standards arrangements.
41. The rules on proportionality do not apply to the Dudley Health and Wellbeing Board established under Section 194 of the Health and Social Care Act 2013. The Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 specifically disapply the proportionality rules in respect of Health and Wellbeing Boards.
42. The relevant statutory provisions regarding the Council's Constitution are contained in Part II of the Local Government Act 2000 together with Regulations, Orders and Statutory Guidance issued by the Secretary of State.
43. The effects and principles contained in Section 499 of the Education Act, 1996, DFES Circular 19/99 and the Education (Parent Governor Representatives) Regulations 2001 are reflected in the proposals in respect of the appointment of co-opted representatives to serve on the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee.
44. The provisions relating to the establishment of the Police and Crime Panel are contained in the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011. The West Midlands Police and Crime Panel is established as a joint Committee of the seven West Midlands District Councils.

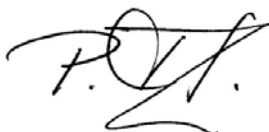
Equality Impact

45. The requirements to consider the Council's policies with regard to equality, along with duties under the Equality Act 2010, are fully reflected in the Council's governance structures and decision-making processes. Decisions taken by the Council, the Cabinet and its Committees during the year on policy issues and the implementation of the Council Plan framework will involve actions to promote equality and in relation to children and young people.

Recommendations

46. That the Council note the report of the Leader on the appointment of the Deputy Leader and Members of the Cabinet for the 2013/14 municipal year, as set out in the list circulated at the meeting, together with the designations of Cabinet Members, and authorise the Chief Executive to determine appropriate organisational arrangements for the Libraries, Archives and Adult Learning Division.
47. That the structure of Committees be approved on the basis set out in this report, the structure chart set out in Appendix 1 and the lists circulated at the meeting.
48. That the recommendations set out in paragraph 7 concerning the review of the Council's scrutiny arrangements be endorsed.
49. That the terms of reference and functions of Committees, as set out in Part 3 of the Constitution, be approved subject to the adoption of the new terms of reference arising from the review of Scrutiny Committees as set out in Appendix 2 and the revised terms of reference of the Appeals Committee as referred to in paragraph 20.
50. That, with the exceptions referred to in this report, the composition and Membership of Committees for the 2013/14 municipal year be determined in accordance with the political balance requirements of Sections 15 and 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, as shown on the lists to be circulated at the meeting.
51. That with regard to the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee and the Health Scrutiny Committee, the proposals in relation to co-opted representatives and the arrangements for the filling of vacancies for co-opted Members as referred to in paragraphs 14 to 17, be approved.
52. That the co-opted representatives serving on the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee be appointed to serve on the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board for the duration of any meetings that are necessary to determine any scrutiny 'call ins', insofar as they concern education issues only.
53. That the Licensing and Safety Committee be appointed in 2013/14 to undertake the statutory Committee functions in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003 and that the Committee comprise 12 Members.

54. That the Council confirm that the proportionality requirements of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 shall not apply to Licensing Sub-Committees established by the Licensing and Safety Committee or to any Sub-Committee established by the Audit and Standards Committee to hear complaints against Members under the Members' Code of Conduct.
55. That the Council endorse the continued establishment of the West Midlands Police and Crime Panel as a joint Committee of the seven West Midlands District Councils on the basis referred to in paragraph 22.
56. That the arrangements for substitutes on Committees, as set out in Council Procedure Rules 5.2 to 5.4, be reaffirmed for the 2013/14 municipal year.
57. That the Director of Corporate Resources be authorised to make any necessary changes to the appointments to Committees that might arise from time to time during the 2013/14 municipal year in accordance with the instructions of the political groups.
58. That Community Forums be established, on the basis outlined in paragraphs 27 to 31 and that a full review of the operation of the Community Forums be undertaken during the course of the 2013/14 municipal year as previously agreed by the Council.
59. That the appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs be approved in accordance with the list to be circulated at the meeting (with the exception of Community Forums and the Dudley Health and Wellbeing Board who appoint their own).
60. That the voting arrangements in respect of the Dudley Health and Wellbeing Board remain the same as previously adopted under the successful 'shadow' arrangements.
61. That the Council endorse the establishment of an Independent Review Panel concerning the Members' Allowances Scheme, as referred to in paragraph 32, and that the Panel submit its recommendations to the Council.
62. That the Director of Corporate Resources be authorised to take any necessary and consequential actions that are required to implement the proposals contained in this report.



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Philip Tart
Director of Corporate Resources

CABINET

- Leader and Cabinet Member for Policy
- Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance
- Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services
- Cabinet Member for Children, Libraries and Lifelong Learning
- Cabinet Member for Environment and Culture
- Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing
- Cabinet Member for Housing and Community Safety
- Cabinet Member for Human Resources, Legal and Property
- Cabinet Member for Regeneration
- Cabinet Member for Transportation

COMMUNITY FORUMS

- Amblecote, Cradley & Wollescote and Lye & Stourbridge North
- Belle Vale and Hayley Green & Cradley South
- Brierley Hill and Brockmoor & Pensnett
- Castle & Priory, St James's and St Thomas's
- Coseley East & Sedgley
- Gornal and Upper Gornal & Woodsetton
- Halesowen North and Halesowen South
- Kingswinford North & Wall Health, Kingswinford South and Wordsley
- Netherton, Woodside & St Andrews and Quarry Bank & Dudley Wood
- Norton, Pedmore & Stourbridge East and Wollaston & Stourbridge Town

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
MANAGEMENT BOARD**

Corporate Performance Management, Efficiency and Effectiveness Scrutiny Committee

Adult, Community and Housing Services Scrutiny Committee

Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

Health Scrutiny Committee

Urban Environment Scrutiny Committee

**STATUTORY AND REGULATORY
COMMITTEES**

- Appeals Committee
- Appointments Committee
- Audit and Standards Committee
- Development Control Committee
- Dudley Health and Wellbeing Board
- Ernest Stevens Trusts Management Committee
- Licensing and Safety Committee
- Licensing Sub-Committees (x4)
- Taxis Committee

Terms of Reference

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

To oversee and co-ordinate the Council's Overview and Scrutiny functions under the Local Government Act 2000, any subsequent legislation, regulations or statutory guidance.

To approve and monitor the Annual Scrutiny Programme setting out the reviews to be undertaken by individual Scrutiny Committees and to make any necessary amendments to reflect changes in circumstances that arise during the year.

To oversee the scrutiny of any decisions or actions taken in connection with the discharge of the Council's executive functions; to undertake scrutiny reviews or refer any matters to individual Scrutiny Committees as appropriate.

To oversee and co-ordinate the activities of Scrutiny Committees to avoid duplication and ensure liaison on cross-cutting issues.

To consider and determine items that are called in for scrutiny in respect of decisions made by the Cabinet, Cabinet Members, the Chief Executive or Directors/Chief Officers in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules and associated protocols.

To engage with the Leader/Deputy Leader, the Cabinet and other Members as necessary with a view to achieving common aims and continuous improvement and to raise issues with the Cabinet as necessary.

To receive the Forward Plan of Key Decisions to be taken by the Council, the Cabinet, Cabinet Members or Directors/Chief Officers over a four-month period.

To co-ordinate the Council's involvement in scrutiny arrangements at local and regional levels.

To encourage effective partnership working and community involvement in the Overview and Scrutiny functions of the Council.

To make reports and recommendations to the Council and/or the Cabinet in connection with the discharge of Overview and Scrutiny Functions.

To submit an annual report to the Council on the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board.

To receive recommendations, as appropriate, from individual Scrutiny Committees.

Corporate Performance Management, Efficiency and Effectiveness Scrutiny Committee

To scrutinise the Quarterly Corporate Performance Management Report and to make any associated recommendations to the Cabinet, Cabinet Members, the Chief Executive, Directors and Chief Officers.

To undertake scrutiny functions associated with the strategic Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (Safe and Sound).

In accordance with any relevant statutory requirements and the Annual Scrutiny Programme approved by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board:-

- (a) To undertake in-depth scrutiny investigations/inquiries in respect of specific issues assigned to the Committee within its terms of reference.
- (b) To contribute to policy development by carrying out the scrutiny of matters falling within the functions of the Chief Executive's Directorate, the Directorate of Corporate Resources and the Cabinet portfolios of the Leader, the Cabinet Member for Finance and the Cabinet Member for Human Resources, Legal and Property.

To submit reports and recommendations to the Cabinet and/or the Council on the outcomes of scrutiny investigations, inquiries and reviews.

To make recommendations to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on any proposed amendments to the Annual Scrutiny Programme.

Adult, Community and Housing Services Scrutiny Committee

In accordance with any relevant statutory requirements and the Annual Scrutiny Programme approved by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board:-

- (a) To undertake in-depth scrutiny investigations/inquiries in accordance with the Annual Scrutiny Programme;
- (b) To contribute to policy development by carrying out the scrutiny of matters falling within the functions of the Directorate of Adult, Community and Housing Services and the portfolios of the Cabinet Members for Adult and Community Services and Housing and Community Safety (with the exception of the scrutiny of matters relating to the strategic Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership – Safe and Sound).

To submit reports and recommendations to the Cabinet and/or the Council on the outcomes of scrutiny investigations, inquiries and reviews.

To make recommendations to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on any proposed amendments to the Annual Scrutiny Programme.

Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

In accordance with any relevant statutory requirements and the Annual Scrutiny Programme approved by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board:-

- (a) To undertake in-depth scrutiny investigations, inquiries and reviews in accordance with the Annual Scrutiny Programme;
- (b) To contribute to policy development by carrying out the scrutiny of matters falling within the functions of the Directorate of Children's Services and the portfolio of the Cabinet Member for Children, Libraries and Lifelong Learning.

To submit reports and recommendations to the Cabinet and/or the Council on the outcomes of scrutiny investigations, inquiries and reviews.

To make recommendations to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on any proposed amendments to the Annual Scrutiny Programme.

Urban Environment Scrutiny Committee

In accordance with any relevant statutory requirements and the Annual Scrutiny Programme approved by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board:-

- (a) To undertake in-depth scrutiny investigations, inquiries and reviews in accordance with the Annual Scrutiny Programme;
- (b) To contribute to policy development by carrying out the scrutiny of matters falling within the functions of the Directorate of the Urban Environment and the portfolios of the Cabinet Members for Environment and Culture, Regeneration and Transportation.

To submit reports and recommendations to the Cabinet and/or the Council on the outcomes of scrutiny investigations, inquiries and reviews.

To make recommendations to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on any proposed amendments to the Annual Scrutiny Programme.

Health Scrutiny Committee

To fulfil all of the overview and scrutiny functions of a Scrutiny Committee as they relate to the improvement of local health and associated services, as a contribution to the Council's community leadership role, in accordance with relevant legislation, regulations and associated guidance.

To make reports and recommendations to local National Health Service (NHS) bodies and to the Council on any matter reviewed or scrutinised which will explain the matter reviewed, summarise the evidence considered, provide a list of participants in the scrutiny exercise, and make any recommendations on the matter reviewed as appropriate.

To proactively receive information within given timescales, with some exceptions as per Government Guidance, requested from local NHS bodies.

To be consulted by and respond to (as appropriate) NHS bodies in connection with the rationale behind any proposal and options for change to local health services made by the NHS.

To ensure the involvement of local stakeholders in the work of the Committee.

To take referrals from local Patients' Forums.

To act in accordance with Government Guidance relating to Health and Scrutiny functions.

In accordance with any relevant statutory requirements and the Annual Scrutiny Programme approved by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board:-

- (a) To undertake in-depth scrutiny investigations, inquiries and reviews in accordance with the Annual Scrutiny Programme;
- (b) To contribute to policy development by carrying out the scrutiny of all health related functions and matters falling within the portfolio of the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing (including the Office of Public Health).

To submit reports and recommendations to the Cabinet and/or the Council on the outcomes of scrutiny investigations, inquiries and reviews.

To make recommendations to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on any proposed amendments to the Annual Scrutiny Programme.

Annual Meeting of the Council – 16th May, 2013

Report of the Director of Corporate Resources

Constitution and Scheme of Delegation

Purpose of Report

1. To seek the Council's affirmation of the Constitution and the Scheme of Delegation for the 2013/14 municipal year, subject to the incorporation of any necessary and consequential amendments arising from the decisions taken at this meeting.

Background

2. The Council's Constitution prescribes that the Scheme of Delegation shall be agreed at the Annual Meeting.
3. The Scheme of Delegation, as set out in Part 3 of the Constitution, was first approved at the meeting of the Council held on 29th April, 2002. The Council has approved a considerable number of amendments to the Constitution since then. Under Article 7, it is the responsibility of the Leader to maintain the list of responsibilities and executive functions allocated to Cabinet Members.
4. The Constitution requires frequent updating to reflect changes in legislation and Statutory Instruments, Regulations and Guidance issued under various statutory provisions. As the Council's Monitoring Officer, I maintain the Constitution and ensure that it is widely available for consultation by members, staff and the public. The Constitution is available on the Council's Website. A full copy of the Constitution is also available for inspection in the Member's Room and from the Democratic Services Section (Tel: 01384 815235).
5. As in previous years, I will submit a report on the annual review of the Constitution to the Cabinet and the Council in the October/November cycle of meetings.

Finance

6. The financial implications arising from the adoption and maintenance of the Council's Constitution are met from within existing resources.

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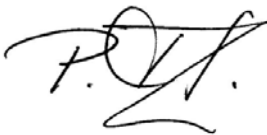
- 7. The relevant statutory provisions regarding the Council's Constitution are contained in Part II of the Local Government Act, 2000, together with Regulations, Orders and Statutory Guidance issued by the Secretary of State.

Equality Impact

- 8. The Council's Constitution sets out the arrangements made by the Council for the proper discharge of all of its powers, duties and functions, including those relating to equality and in respect of children and young people.

Recommendations

- 9. That the Director of Corporate Resources be authorised to make any necessary and consequential amendments to the Constitution arising from the decisions made at this meeting and to reflect any ongoing changes in legislative requirements.
- 10. That, subject to the decisions taken at this meeting, the Constitution and Scheme of Delegation be reaffirmed for the 2013/14 municipal year.
- 11. That all references in the Constitution to statutory provisions be taken to include any subsequent legislation, Statutory Instruments, Regulations, Orders or Guidance issued under those statutory provisions.



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Philip Tart
Director of Corporate Resources

Annual Meeting of the Council – 16th May, 2013

Report of the Director of Corporate Resources

Ordinary Meetings of the Council, Cabinet, Committees and Community Forums for 2013/14

Purpose of Report

1. To approve a programme of ordinary meetings of the Council, Cabinet, Committees and Community Forums for the 2013/14 municipal year.

Background

2. The Council's Constitution prescribes that the programme of ordinary meetings for the year be approved at the Annual Meeting of the Council.
3. A schedule of proposed meeting dates for the 2013/14 municipal year is attached to this report. The draft programme was submitted to the Cabinet on 25th April, 2013. The programme now includes dates for the 10 Community Forums as proposed in a separate report on this agenda.
4. In addition to the programmed meetings, it is intended that Scrutiny Committees will have the discretion to call any additional meetings that are required to undertake the workload allocated to them arising from the Annual Scrutiny Plan. The Annual Scrutiny Plan will be considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on 29th May, 2013.

Finance

5. The financial implications arising from the organisation of Council, Cabinet, Committee and Community Forum meetings during 2013/14 will be met from approved budgets.

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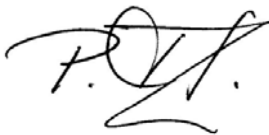
6. The relevant statutory provisions regarding the Council's Constitution are contained in Part II of the Local Government Act, 2000 together with Regulations, Orders and Statutory Guidance issued by the Secretary of State.

Equality Impact

- 7. This report has no direct implications for the Council's policies with regard to equality. Decisions taken by the Council, the Cabinet and Committees during the year on policy issues and the implementation of the Council Plan framework will involve actions to promote equality and in relation to children and young people.

Recommendation

- 8. That the programme of ordinary meetings of the Council, Cabinet, Committees and Community Forums for the 2013/14 municipal year, as set out in the attached schedule, be approved.



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Philip Tart
Director of Corporate Resources

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2013/2014

MAY 2013

Thursday	16 th	Annual Council Meeting	6.00 p.m.
Thursday	23 rd	Licensing and Safety Committee	6.00 p.m.
Tuesday	28 th	Licensing Sub-Committee 1	10.00 a.m.
Wednesday	29 th	Overview and Scrutiny Management Board	6.00 p.m.
Thursday	30 th	Taxis Committee	5.30 p.m.

JUNE 2013

Monday	3 rd	Development Control Committee	6.00 p.m.
Tuesday	4 th	Licensing Sub-Committee 2	10.00 a.m.
Tuesday	11 th	Licensing Sub-Committee 3	10.00 a.m.
Tuesday	11 th	Corporate Performance Management, Effectiveness & Efficiency Scrutiny Committee	6.00 p.m.
Wednesday	12 th	Adult, Community and Housing Scrutiny Committee	6.00 p.m.
Thursday	13 th	Children's Services Scrutiny Committee	6.00 p.m.
Monday	17 th	Netherton, Woodside & St. Andrews/ Quarry Bank Community Forum	6.30 p.m.

Monday	17 th	Castle and Priory/St. James's/St. Thomas's Community Forum	6.30 p.m.
Tuesday	18 th	Licensing Sub-Committee 4	10.00 a.m.
Tuesday	18 th	Gornal/Upper Gornal and Woodsetton Community Forum	6.30 p.m.
Tuesday	18 th	Coseley East/Sedgley Community Forum	6.30 p.m.
Wednesday	19 th	Norton/Pedmore & Stourbridge East/Wollaston & Stourbridge Town Community Forum	6.30 p.m.
Wednesday	19 th	Halesowen North & Halesowen South Community Forum	6.30 p.m.
Thursday	20 th	Cabinet	6.00 p.m.
Monday	24 th	Development Control Committee	6.00 p.m.
Tuesday	25 th	Kingsinford North & Wall Heath/Kingswinford South/Wordsley Community Forum	6.30 p.m.
Tuesday	25 th	Belle Vale, Hayley Green and Cradley South Community Forum	6.30 p.m.
Wednesday	26 th	Dudley Health and Wellbeing Board – Conference and Event	10.00 a.m.
Wednesday	26 th	Brierley Hill/Brockmoor and Pensnett Community Forum	6.30 p.m.
Wednesday	26 th	Amblecote/Cradley and Wollescote/Lye and Stourbridge North Community Forum	6.30 p.m.
Thursday	27 th	Urban Environment Scrutiny Committee	6.00pm

JULY 2013

Tuesday	2 nd	Licensing Sub-Committee 1	10.00 a .m.
Thursday	4 th	Taxis Committee	5.30 p.m.
Tuesday	9 th	Licensing Sub-Committee 2	10.00 a.m.
Tuesday	9 th	Audit and Standards Committee	6.00 p.m.
Thursday	11 th	Labour Group	6.30 p.m.
Thursday	11 th	Conservative Group	6.30 p.m.
Monday	15 th	Council	6.00 p.m.
Tuesday	16 th	Licensing Sub-Committee 3	10.00 a.m.
Tuesday	16 th	Health Scrutiny Committee	6.00 p.m.
Wednesday	17 th	Development Control Committee	6.00 p.m.
Tuesday	23 rd	Licensing Sub-Committee 4	10.00 a.m.

AUGUST 2013

Monday	5 th	Development Control Committee	6.00 p.m.
Tuesday	6 th	Licensing Sub-Committee 1	10.00 a.m.
Tuesday	6 th	Taxis Committee	5.30 p.m.
Tuesday	13 th	Licensing Sub-Committee 2	10.00 a.m.
Tuesday	20 th	Licensing Sub-Committee 3	10.00 a.m.
Tuesday	27 th	Licensing Sub-Committee 4	10.00 a.m.

Tuesday	27 th	Development Control Committee	6.00 p.m.
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SEPTEMBER 2013

Monday	2 nd	Netherton, Woodside and St. Andrews/ Quarry Bank Community Forum	6.30 p.m.
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Monday	2 nd	Castle and Priory/St. James's/St. Thomas's Community Forum	6.30 p.m.
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Tuesday	3 rd	Gornal/Upper Gornal and Woodsetton Community Forum	6.30 p.m.
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Tuesday	3 rd	Coseley East/Sedgley Community Forum	6.30 p.m.
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Wednesday	4 th	Norton/Pedmore and Stourbridge East/ Wollaston and Stourbridge Town Community Forum	6.30 p.m.
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Wednesday	4 th	Halesowen North and Halesowen South Community Forum	6.30 p.m.
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Thursday	5 th	Corporate Performance Management, Effectiveness and Efficiency Scrutiny Committee	6.00 p.m.
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Monday	9 th	Dudley Health and Wellbeing Board	3.00 p.m.
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Monday	9 th	Overview and Scrutiny Management Board	6.00 p.m.
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Tuesday	10 th	Licensing Sub-Committee 1	10.00 a.m.
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Tuesday	10 th	Kingswinford North and Wall Health/ Kingswinford South/Wordsley Community Forum	6.30 p.m.
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Tuesday	10 th	Amblecote/Cradley and Wollescote/Lye and Stourbridge North Community Forum	6.30 p.m.
Wednesday	11 th	Brierley Hill/Brockmoor and Pensnett Community Forum	6.30 p.m.
Wednesday	11 th	Belle Vale, Hayley Green and Cradley South Community Forum	6.30 p.m.
Thursday	12 th	Taxis Committee	5.30 p.m.
Monday	16 th	Development Control Committee	6.00 p.m.
Tuesday	17 th	Licensing Sub-Committee 2	10.00 a.m.
Wednesday	18 th	Cabinet	6.00 p.m.
Thursday	19 th	Audit and Standards Committee	6.00 p.m.
Tuesday	24 th	Licensing Sub-Committee 3	10.00 a.m.
Wednesday	25 th	Health Scrutiny Committee	6.00 p.m.

OCTOBER 2013

Tuesday	1 st	Licensing Sub-Committee 4	10.00 a.m.
Thursday	3 rd	Labour Group	6.30 p.m.
Thursday	3 rd	Conservative Group	6.30 p.m.
Monday	7 th	Council	6.00 p.m.
Tuesday	8 th	Development Control Committee	6.00 p.m.
Tuesday	15 th	Licensing Sub-Committee 1	10.00 a.m.

Wednesday	16 th	Overview and Scrutiny Management Board	6.00 p.m.
Thursday	17 th	Taxis Committee	5.30 p.m.
Tuesday	22 nd	Licensing Sub-Committee 2	10.00 a.m.
Monday	28 th	Development Control Committee	6.00 p.m.
Tuesday	29 th	Licensing Sub-Committee 3	10.00 a.m.
Wednesday	30 th	Cabinet	6.00 p.m.

NOVEMBER 2013

Monday	4 th	Netherton, Woodside and St. Andrews/ Quarry Bank Community Forum	6.30 p.m.
Monday	4 th	Castle and Priory/St. James's/St. Thomas's Community Forum	6.30 p.m.
Tuesday	5 th	Licensing Sub-Committee 4	10.00 a.m.
Tuesday	5 th	Gornal/Upper Gornal and Woodsetton Community Forum	6.30 p.m.
Tuesday	5 th	Coseley East/Sedgley Community Forum	6.30 p.m.
Wednesday	6 th	Norton/Pedmore and Stourbridge East/ Wollaston and Stourbridge Town Community Forum	6.30 p.m.
Wednesday	6 th	Halesowen North and Halesowen South Community Forum	6.30 p.m.

Thursday	7 th	Health Scrutiny Committee	6.00 p.m.
Monday	11 th	Adult, Community and Housing Scrutiny Committee	6.00 p.m.
Tuesday	12 th	Kingswinford North and Wall Health/ Kingswinford South/Wordsley Community Forum	6.30 p.m.
Tuesday	12 th	Amblecote/Cradley and Wollescote/Lye and Stourbridge North Community Forum	6.30 p.m.
Wednesday	13 th	Brierley Hill/Brockmoor and Pensnett Community Forum	6.30 p.m.
Wednesday	13 th	Belle Vale, Hayley Green and Cradley South Community Forum	6.30 p.m.
Thursday	14 th	Taxis Committee	5.30 p.m.
Monday	18 th	Development Control Committee	6.00 p.m.
Tuesday	19 th	Licensing Sub-Committee 1	10.00 a.m.
Tuesday	19 th	Children's Services Scrutiny Committee	6.00 p.m.
Wednesday	20 th	Corporate Performance Management, Effectiveness and Efficiency Scrutiny Committee	6.00 p.m.
Monday	25 th	Urban Environment Scrutiny Committee	6.00 p.m.
Tuesday	26 th	Licensing Sub-Committee 2	10.00 a.m.
Tuesday	26 th	Overview and Scrutiny Management Board	6.00 p.m.
Thursday	28 th	Labour Group	6.30 p.m.

Thursday	28 th	Conservative Group	6.30 p.m.
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DECEMBER 2013

Monday	2 nd	Council	6.00 p.m.
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Tuesday	3 rd	Licensing Sub-Committee 3	10.00 a.m.
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Thursday	5 th	Cabinet	6.00 p.m.
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Monday	9 th	Development Control Committee	6.00 p.m.
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Tuesday	10 th	Licensing Sub-Committee 4	10.00 a.m.
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Tuesday	10 th	Audit and Standards Committee	6.00 p.m.
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Wednesday	11 th	Taxis Committee	5.30 p.m.
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JANUARY 2014

Monday	6 th	Development Control Committee	6.00 p.m.
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Tuesday	7 th	Licensing Sub-Committee 1	10.00 a.m.
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Thursday	9 th	Taxis Committee	5.30 p.m.
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Tuesday	14 th	Licensing Sub-Committee 2	10.00 a.m.
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Tuesday	21 st	Licensing Sub-Committee 3	10.00 a.m.
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Thursday	23 rd	Health Scrutiny Committee	6.00 p.m.
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Monday	27 th	Development Control Committee	6.00 p.m.
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Wednesday	29 th	Netherton, Woodside and St. Andrews/Quarry Bank Community Forum	6.30 p.m.
Thursday	30 th	Norton/Pedmore and Stourbridge East/Wollaston and Stourbridge Town Community Forum	6.30 p.m.
Thursday	30 th	Halesowen North and Halesowen South Community Forum	6.30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 2014

Monday	3 rd	Overview and Scrutiny Management Board	6.00 p.m.
Tuesday	4 th	Kingswinford North and Wall Health/Kingswinford South/Wordsley Community Forum	6.30 p.m.
Tuesday	4 th	Amblecote/Cradley and Wollescote/Lye and Stourbridge North Community Forum	6.30 p.m.
Wednesday	5 th	Brierley Hill/Brockmoor and Pensnett Community Forum	6.30 p.m.

Wednesday	5 th	Belle Vale, Hayley Green and Cradley South Community Forum	6.30 p.m.
Thursday	6 th	Taxis Committee	5.30 p.m.
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Wednesday	19 th	Licensing and Safety Committee	5.30 p.m.
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Thursday	20 th	Conservative Group	6.30 p.m.
Monday	24 th	Council	6.00 p.m.
Tuesday	25 th	Licensing Sub-Committee 3	10.00 a.m.
Tuesday	25 th	Health Scrutiny Committee	6.00 p.m.
Wednesday	26 th	Overview and Scrutiny Management Board	6.00 p.m.
Thursday	27 th	Labour Group	6.30 p.m.
Thursday	27 th	Conservative Group	6.30 p.m.

MARCH 2014

Monday	3 rd	Council (Council Tax)	6.00 p.m.
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Tuesday	4 th	Licensing Sub-Committee 4	10.00 a.m.
Monday	10 th	Development Control Committee	6.00 p.m.
Wednesday	12 th	Cabinet	6.00 p.m.
Wednesday	12 th	Taxis Committee	5.30 p.m.
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Wednesday	26 th	Belle Vale, Hayley Green and Cradley South Community Forum	6.30 p.m.
Thursday	27 th	Health Scrutiny Committee	6.00 p.m.
Monday	31 st	Development Control Committee	6.00 p.m.

APRIL 2014

Tuesday	1 st	Licensing Sub-Committee 3	10.00 a.m.
Tuesday	8 th	Licensing Sub-Committee 4	10.00 a.m.
Thursday	10 th	Labour Group	6.30 p.m.
Thursday	10 th	Conservative Group	6.30 p.m.
Monday	14 th	Council	6.00 p.m.
Wednesday	16 th	Taxis Committee	5.30 p.m.
Thursday	17 th	Audit and Standards Committee	6.00 p.m.
Tuesday	22 nd	Licensing Sub-Committee 1	10.00 a.m.
Tuesday	22 nd	Development Control Committee	6.00 p.m.
Tuesday	29 th	Licensing Sub-Committee 2	10.00 a.m.

MAY 2014

Tuesday	6 th	Licensing Sub-Committee 3	10.00 a.m.
Thursday	8 th	Taxis Committee	5.30 p.m.

Monday	12 th	Development Control Committee	6.00 p.m.
Tuesday	13 th	Licensing Sub-Committee 4	10.00 a.m.
Thursday	22 nd	Local/European Elections	

Annual Meeting of the Council – 16th May, 2013

Report of the Director of Corporate Resources

Appointments/Nominations to Outside Bodies

Purpose of Report

1. To authorise the Director of Corporate Resources, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to make appointments/nominations to certain outside bodies in view of the urgency involved in making such appointments/nominations.

Background

2. It is proposed that the Director of Corporate Resources, in consultation with the Leader, make appointments/nominations to the following outside bodies in view of the urgency involved in making such appointments/nominations:-

Local Government Association
West Midlands Employers
West Midlands Joint Committee (WMJC) and
Joint Planning and Transportation Sub-Committee
West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority and “Prime Member”
West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority and “Prime Member”
West Midlands Police and Crime Panel and substitute(s)
Birmingham Airport Holdings Ltd – Board of Directors
Dudley and West Midlands Zoological Society Limited – Executive Board
Dudley Community Partnership
North Priory Project Board
Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)
PSP Dudley Ltd – Projects Board and Steering Board

3. The appointments/nominations referred to in this report are urgent given the timetabling of meeting of the Cabinet in June, 2013. In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation contained in the Constitution of the Council, the appointments/nominations to be made to other bodies are usually referred to the next meeting of the Cabinet.

Finance

4. The financial implications arising from these appointments/nominations will be met from existing resources.

Law

5. The statutory provisions relating to the above matters are contained in Section 111 of the Local Government Act, 1972, Sections 15-18 of the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989, and the relevant provisions of the Local Government Act, 2000.

Equality Impact

6. This report has no direct implications for the Council's policies with regard to equality. Depending on the nature of the organisations concerned, their activities will impact to a greater or lesser extent on equality and diversity issues, community groups or on services to children and young people.

Recommendations

7. That the Director of Corporate Resources, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, be authorised to make appointments/nominations to the bodies referred to in paragraph 2 of this report, in view of the urgency involved in making these appointments/nominations.
8. That the appointment of Members to serve on various other outside bodies be reported to the next meeting of the Cabinet .



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Philip Tart
Director of Corporate Resources