

## **WALSALL TOWN DEAL BOARD MEETING**

**Meeting to be held on: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2025, between 14:00 – 16:00**

**Meeting to be held via: Walsall Council House (Conference room 1)**

**Membership:            Voting Members:**

Manjit Jhooty – Jhoots Pharmacy (Chair)  
Councillor Andrew (Deputy Chair)  
Tarra Simmons – The Midcounties Co-operative  
David Moore – Walsall Council  
Rupert Fairfax – Fairfax Saddles / Chair of Bloxwich Advisory Board  
Karl Woodward - Reach All Ltd/Chair of Walsall Advisory Board  
Jatinder Sharma – Walsall College  
Mark Lavender – Walsall Council  
James Norris – Walsall College

**Advisory Members / Guests:**

Richard Ackerley (RA) – Walsall Council  
Alison Guerra (AG) – Walsall Council  
Kelly Valente (KV) – Walsall Council  
Charlotte Gough (CG) – Walsall Council  
Claire Wills (CW) – Walsall Council  
Helen Kirk (HK) – Walsall Council  
Deb Rajania (DR) – Walsall College  
Surinder Kaur (SK) – Walsall Council  
Satvinder Badhan (SB) – Mercian Trust  
Peter Hoarle (PH) – Canal River Trust

**Quorum:            Six members (with at least one representative from: Private, Local Government and Communities membership categories, together with Walsall Council.)**

## **AGENDA**

### **TOWN DEAL BOARD MEETING – AGENDA 14:00 – 16:00**

Three attendees are anticipated from the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government, Sean Dubberley, Owen Walters & Pete Thomason

Arrive Walsall Council House (Conference room 1)  
Introductions and Tea /Coffee, (Councillor Andrew/Manjit Jhooty)

**Welcome and Introductions** 14:00:14:20 (DM)

#### **Site visits to Walsall Town Deal Projects**

- Creative Industries Enterprise Centre 14:30 – 14:50  
(Richard Ackerley/Geoff Henderson)
- The Digital Skill Hub 14:50 – 15:00  
(Kevin Davies & Colleagues)
- Connected Gateway & Connectivity (FHSF)  
(David Moore) 15:00 – 15:20
- Walsall Adult Learning Campus 15:20 – 15:35  
(Richard Ackerley & Deb Rajania)
- The Active Public Spaces (Richard Ackerley & Peter Hoarle) (CRT) 15:35 – 15:50

***If you experience any difficulties, please let Surinder know through the contact details at the foot of this agenda.***

Note: – Following a review by constitutional services of a range of meetings including the Town Deal Board, it's agreed that these meetings can continue to be held virtually through Teams, as there is no governance requirement for the Town Deal Board to be held in public.

For transparency, all (public session only) meetings will be recorded and placed upon the Town Deal Website for the public to view etc.

Recording will stop when the meeting enters its private or confidential business session and will therefore not be published.

### **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:

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Prescribed description</b>
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 trade 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.