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Our Ref: RS Please Ask For: Mr R Sanders Telephone No: 01384 815236

25th June, 2008

Dear Member

Dudley Schools Forum

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Dudley Schools Forum, which will be held at Saltwells EDC, Bowling Green Road, Netherton, Dudley on Tuesday 8th July, 2008, at 6.00 p.m. The Agenda is attached.

A light buffet will be available in the meeting room from 5.30 p.m. onwards.

Yours sincerely,

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To: - All Members of the Dudley Schools Forum:

Mr M Bell, Mr S Bell, Mrs Blunt, Mr Conway, Ms Cosgrove, Mrs Elwiss, Mr Francis, Ms Griffiths, Mr Harrington, Mr Hatton, Mrs Hazlehurst, Mr Hudson, Mr Ingram, Mr James, Mrs Jessup, Mr Leyshon, Ms Little, Mr Lloyd, Mr Millman, Mr Mountney, Mr Patterson, Councillor Nottingham, Mr Ridney, Mr Robertson, Ms Smith, Mr Sorrell, Mr Temple, Mr Timmins, Councillor Mrs Walker, Mr Warner, Mr Wassall.

c.c. Director of Children's Services, Assistant Director of Children's Services (Mr Watson), Mr Thompson (Directorate of Children's Services), Children's Services Finance Manager (Mrs Cocker) and Principal Accountant (Mrs Coates) – Directorate of Finance, ICT & Procurement.



AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence from the meeting.

2. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Forum held on 20th May, 2008. (copy attached).

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

To consider any matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting of the Forum held on 20th May, 2008.

4. REVIEW OF FUNDING FOR PUPILS WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS IN MAINSTREAM SCHOOLS (PAGES 1 - 3)

To consider the report of the Director of Children's Services.

5. BREACH OF THE CENTRAL EXPENDITURE LIMIT (PAGES 4 - 8)

To consider the report of the Director of Children's Services.

6. SINGLE STATUS AND EQUAL PAY COSTS IN SCHOOLS (PAGES 9 - 13)

To consider the report of the Director of Children's Services.

7. SCHOOLS FORUM TRAINING (PAGES 14 - 17)

To consider the report of the Director of Children's Services.

8. CLOSURE OF CRADLEY HIGH SCHOOL (PAGES 18 - 20)

To consider the report of the Director of Children's Services.

9. FINAL ALLOCATIONS OF DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT FOR 2008/09 FINANCIAL YEAR (PAGES 21 - 27)

To consider the report of the Director of Children's Services.

10 AUDIT COMMISSION SCHOOL BALANCES TOOLKIT (PAGES 28 - 32)

To consider the report of the Director of Children's Services

11. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The following dates are proposed for meetings of the Forum in the 2008/09 academic year:-

Tuesday 7th October, 2008 Tuesday, 9th December, 2008 Tuesday, 24th February, 2009 Tuesday, 17th March, 2009

Tuesday, 2nd June, 2009 Tuesday, 7th July, 2009