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12<sup>th</sup> March, 2008

Dear Councillor

### **MEETING OF THE CABINET – WEDNESDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2008**

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Cabinet to be held on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2008 in Committee Room 2 at the Council House, Priory Road, Dudley to consider the business set out in the agenda below.

A Committee tea will be available in the Members' Dining Room from 4.30pm. Please inform Richard Sanders on the telephone number above at least 48 hours before the meeting if a meal is not required or if a vegetarian or special dietary meal is required.

The agenda and reports for this meeting can be viewed on the Council's website [www.dudley.gov.uk](http://www.dudley.gov.uk) (Follow the links to Council and Democracy, Council Decision Making and Committee Information).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John P. Sanders".

Director of Law and Property

### **AGENDA**

#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for absence from the meeting.

#### **2. CHANGES IN REPRESENTATION OF MINORITY GROUP MEMBERS**

To report any changes in the representation of Minority Group Members at this meeting.

#### **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive declarations of interest, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct.

4. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2008 (copy attached).

**STRATEGIC, POLICY AND PERFORMANCE ISSUES**

5. CHOICE BASED LETTINGS AND REVIEW OF THE HOUSING ALLOCATIONS SCHEME (PAGES 1 - 6)

To consider the report of the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services.

6. AFFORDABLE HOUSING UPDATE REPORT (PAGES 7 -13)

To consider the report of the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services

7. DUDLEY BOROUGH ECONOMIC STRATEGY 2008/09 (KEY DECISION) (PAGES 14 - 134)

To consider the report of the Director of the Urban Environment.

8. QUARTERLY CORPORATE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT (PAGES 135 - 136)

To consider the report of the Chief Executive

**FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES**

9. INVESTING IN THE FUTURE – PRIMARY CAPITAL PROGRAMME (PAGES 137 - 154)

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

10. EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL AND SOCIAL FUND 2007-13 (PAGES 155 - 159)

To consider the report of the Director of the Urban Environment

11. CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING (KEY DECISION) (PAGES 160 - 167)

To consider the joint report of the Chief Executive and Director of Finance.

12. LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT (PAGES 168 - 175)

To consider the report of the Chief Executive.

## **SERVICE RELATED CORPORATE ISSUES**

13. PRIORY PARK AND RUIN – OUTLINE 10 YEAR MANAGEMENT PLAN (PAGES 176- 179 )

To consider the report of the Director of the Urban Environment

14. COMPLAINT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN – CHILDREN'S SERVICES MATTER (PAGES 180 - 189)

To consider the report of the Director of Law and Property.

15. ISSUES ARISING FROM SELECT COMMITTEES (IF ANY)

The Director of Law and Property to report orally.

## **PRIVATE SESSION**

In accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972, the Proper Officer has determined that there will be no advance disclosure of the following reports because the public interest in disclosing the information set out in the following items is outweighed by the public interest in maintaining the exemption from disclosure.

16. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

To consider the adoption of the following resolution:-

That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972, as specified below and, in all the circumstances, the public interest in disclosing the information is outweighed by the public interest in maintaining the exemption from disclosure.

<u>Agenda Item Number</u>	<u>Description of Item</u>	<u>Relevant paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A</u>
17.	Investing In The Future – Information And Communication Technology In Schools.	3
18.	Staffing Issue – Directorate of Adult, Community and Housing Services	1

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| 19. | Staffing Issues – Directorate of Children’s Services. | 1 |
| 20. | Staffing Issue – Chief Executive’s Directorate        | 1 |
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17. INVESTING IN THE FUTURE – INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY IN SCHOOLS (PAGES 190 - 193)
- To consider the report of the Director of Children’s Services.
18. STAFFING ISSUE – DIRECTORATE OF ADULT, COMMUNITY AND HOUSING SERVICES (PAGES 194 – 196)
- To consider the report of the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services
19. STAFFING ISSUES – DIRECTORATE OF CHILDREN’S SERVICES (SECONDARY REVIEW) (PAGES 197 - 201)
- To consider the report of the Director of Children’s Services.
20. STAFFING ISSUE – CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S DIRECTORATE (TO FOLLOW)
- To consider the report of the Chief Executive.

**To: All Members of the Cabinet:**

Councillors Adams, Caunt, Evans, Knowles, Mrs. P. Martin, Miller, Mrs. Millward, Mrs. Shakespeare and Mrs. Walker.

**Minority Group Members nominated to attend meetings of the Cabinet:**

Councillors Ali, Crumpton, G. H. Davies, Ms. Foster, Ms. Partridge, Mrs. Ridney and Sparks (Labour Group).

Councillor Tyler (Liberal Democrat Group)