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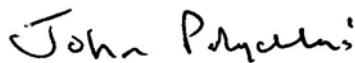
Dear Member

Select Committee on Children's Services – 16 November 2006

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Select Committee on Children's Services, to be held on Thursday, 16 November 2006 at 6.00 pm in the Council Chamber at the Council House, Dudley, to consider the business set out in the agenda below.

A Committee tea will be available for Members in the Members' Dining Room from 4.30pm. Please contact Richard Sanders on (01384) 815236 or by e-mail to richard.sanders@dudley.gov.uk if a vegetarian or special dietary meal is required or if a meal is not required.

Yours sincerely,



Director of Law and Property

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence from the meeting

2. SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

To report the names of any Substitute Members serving for 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 Committee held on 27 September 2006 (copy herewith).

5. GREEN PAPER 'CARE MATTERS'

To receive an oral presentation by the Director of Children's Services on this Green Paper. The Executive Summary of the Green Paper has already been circulated to members of the Committee and the full Green Paper is available for inspection in the Members' Room. Both the Executive Summary and the full Green Paper may be accessed on the Council's Committee Management Information System (CMIS).

6. UPDATE OF THE COUNCIL'S CAPITAL STRATEGY (PAGES 1 - 14)

To consider the report of the Director of Finance

7. THE PRIORITIES MEETING (PAGES 15 - 16)

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

8. CHILDREN'S SERVICES ONE YEAR ON

To receive an oral presentation by the Director of Children's Services on this issue.

9. TO ANSWER QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 24.4 (IF ANY)

PRIVATE SESSION

In accordance with paragraph 10 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, the Proper Officer has determined that there will be no advance disclosure of the following report because the public interest in disclosing the information set out in the following item is outweighed by the public interest in maintaining the exemption from disclosure.

10. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

To consider the adoption of the following resolution: That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves 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 No</u>	<u>Description of Item</u>	<u>Relevant Paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A</u>
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11 JOINT AREA REVIEW (PAGES 17 - 21)

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

To: All Members of the Select Committee on Children's Services

Councillors

Ahmed, Ms Boleyn, Mrs Coulter, Johnston, Nottingham, Ms Partridge, Rogers, Simms (substitute for Councillor Mrs Pearce), A Turner and C Wilson; Mr Smith, Mr Hatton, Reverend Wickens, Mr Lynch, Ms Verdegam, Mr Taylor, Ms Bradley, Mrs Simms

CC: Councillors Mrs Pearce and Mrs Walker (for information)