Welfare Reforms Members Briefing – May 2014	
Portfolio	Cabinet member for housing and community safety
Updates	<ul> <li>Local Council Tax subsidy (2014 – 2015) Dudley's allocation is £487,556</li> <li>Liverpool rejects government's new help to work scheme</li> <li>Jobseekers face losing their benefit for three months or more if they refuse to take zero hours contract roles.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Rules now in force for long termed unemployed to sign on daily</li> <li>Bedroom tax to be abolished in Scotland</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>National Housing Federation has published a report on the impact of welfare reforms on tenants.</li> <li>Work Pensions Committee concerned over benefits error and fraud with the implementation of universal credit.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The DWP has updated guidance on how Personal Independence Payments (PIP) affects local authorities.</li> <li>The Chartered Institute of Housing has provided a briefing on new approaches in tackling tenancy fraud.</li> </ul>
	Full monthly welfare Reform briefing can be accessed via the following link: <pre>http://idudley/idudley/directorates/adult-community-and-housing-services/housing- services/housing-menus/news-and-events/communications/</pre>