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16th March, 2010

Dear Councillor

SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN'S SERVICES

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Select Committee on Children's Services to be held on Wednesday, 24th March, 2010 at 6 p.m. in Committee Room 2 at the Council House, Dudley, to consider the business set out in the agenda below.

A Committee tea will be available in the Members' Dining Room from 4.30 pm. Please contact Richard Sanders on (01384) 815236 or e mail <u>richard.sanders@dudley.gov.uk</u> by no later than 22nd March a vegetarian or special dietary meal is required or if a meal is <u>not</u> required.

Yours sincerely

Director of Corporate Resources

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence from the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

3. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 21st and 27th January, 2010 (attached)

4. SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

To report the names of any substitute members serving for this meeting of the Committee.

5. STANDARDS REPORT– PERFORMANCE DATA (PAGES 1 - 37)

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

6 LEARNING AND SKILLS COUNCIL TRANSFER BUDGET 2010/11 AND 16-19 LEARNING GRANT AND SPECIAL GRANT (PAGES 38 – 42)

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

7 OFSTED OUTCOMES APRIL 2009 TO MARCH 2010 (PAGES 43 – 46)

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

8. MULTI – SKILLS PLAYGROUND INITIATIVE (PAGES 47 - 51)

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

9. KEY DEVELOPMENTS IN CHILDREN'S SERVICES (PAGES 52 - 54)

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

10. QUARTERLY CORPORATE MANAGEMENT REPORT

(a) To consider the report of the Lead Officer to the Committee (Pages 55 - 56)

(b) To consider the accompanying report of the Director of Children's Services on contextual issues on particular areas of service (Pages 57 - 60)

11. TO ANSWER QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 11.8 (IF ANY)

To: All members of the Select Committee on Children's Services: Councillors Attwood, Ms Boleyn, Mrs Coulter, Crumpton, Mrs Dunn, Mrs Greenaway, Hanif, Nottingham, Ms Partridge, Mrs Rogers, Vickers; Mr Jones; Mrs Ward, Reverend Wickens; Mrs Roe, Mrs Verdegem; Mr Taylor; Mrs Lees, Mrs Simms.

c.c Cllr Mrs Walker, Cllr Evans