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Our ref: 05/09/12/HS

Please ask for: Miss H Shepherd Telephone No. (01384) 815271

23rd August, 2012

Dear Member

<u>Meeting of the Environment Scrutiny Committee – Wednesday 5th September,</u> <u>2012 – 6.00pm</u>

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Environment Scrutiny Committee to be held on Wednesday 5th September, 2012 at 6.00pm in Committee Room 2 at the Council House, Dudley to consider the business set out in the Agenda below.

The agenda and reports for this meeting can be viewed on the Council's internet site <u>www.dudley.gov.uk</u> and follow the links to Meetings and Decisions.

Yours sincerely

Director of Corporate Resources

<u>A G E N D A</u>

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence from the meeting.

2. APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

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



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 14th June, 2012 (copy attached).

- 5. PUBLIC FORUM
- 6. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE TO COUNCIL (PAGES 1 4).

To consider a report of the Lead Officer to the Committee.

7. ESTABLISHMENT OF A HOUSING WORKING GROUP (PAGES 5 – 7))

To consider a report of the Assistant Director of Housing Services.

8. WELFARE REFORMS

To receive a verbal update from the Assistant Director of Housing Services.

9. BADGERS (PAGES 8 – 10)

To consider a joint report of the Director of the Urban Environment and the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services.

10. COMPLAINT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN – ENFORCEMENT MATTER (PAGES 11 – 32)

To consider a joint report of the Director of Corporate Resources and the Director of the Urban Environment.

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

AND QUESTIONS ON INFORMATION ITEMS PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED SEPARATELY.

Members are asked to e-mail Kim Fellows, at the address shown on the agenda cover, at least three working days before the meeting details of any questions they would wish to raise ON THE INFORMATION ITEMS.

This will enable responses to the questions to be circulated prior to the meeting.

Questions on information items raised at the meeting will receive a written response following the meeting.

To: All Members of the Environment Scrutiny Committee, namely:

M. Aston	Boleyn	Duckworth	Hanif	Harley
James	Jordan	J Martin	Roberts	Mrs Shakespeare

Mrs H Turner