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5<sup>TH</sup> February, 2008

Dear Councillor

### **MEETING OF THE CABINET – WEDNESDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2008**

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Cabinet to be held on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February, 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 special meeting of the Cabinet held on 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2008 (copy attached).

**BUDGET, STRATEGIC, POLICY AND PERFORMANCE ISSUES**

5. REVENUE BUDGET STRATEGY AND SETTING THE COUNCIL TAX 2008/09 (KEY DECISION) (PAGES 1 - 43)

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

6. DEPLOYMENT OF RESOURCES: HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT AND PUBLIC SECTOR HOUSING CAPITAL (KEY DECISION) (PAGES 44 - 67)

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

7. TRANSPORT STRATEGY AND SETTLEMENT, PROPOSED TRANSPORT CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND ROAD SAFETY GRANT FOR 2008/09 TO 2010/11 (KEY DECISION) (PAGES 68 – 102)

To consider the joint report of the Director of the Urban Environment and the Director of Finance.

8. UPDATE OF THE COUNCIL'S CAPITAL STRATEGY (KEY DECISION) (PAGES 103 - 117)

To consider the report of the Director of Finance.

9. FUTURE CONFIGURATION OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN DUDLEY AND WALSALL (KEY DECISION) (PAGES 118 - 125)

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

10. DUDLEY BOROUGH STRATEGY FOR ADULTS WITH PHYSICAL AND SENSORY DISABILITIES 2008-10 (KEY DECISION) (PAGES 126 - 129)

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

11. CRADLEY/WINDMILL HILL LOCAL CENTRE REGENERATION PLAN (KEY DECISION) (PAGES 130 - 133)

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

### **FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES**

12. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH ACT 2007 (PAGES 134 - 138)

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

13. CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2008/09 TO 2010/11 (KEY DECISION) (PAGES 139 - 167)

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

14. AREA BASED GRANT (PAGES 168 - 172)

To consider the report of the Director of Finance.

### **SERVICE RELATED CORPORATE ISSUES**

15. NORTH PRIORY ESTATE REGENERATION PROJECT (PAGES 173 - 176)

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

16. REVISION OF THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (PAGES 177 - 179)

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

17. PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE BRIERLEY HILL AREA ACTION PLAN – PREFERRED OPTIONS (PAGES 180 - 182)

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

18. THE BLACK COUNTRY JOINT CORE STRATEGY. APPROVAL OF THE PREFERRED OPTIONS DOCUMENT FOR CONSULTATION (PAGES 183 - 187)

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

19. COMPLAINT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN – HOUSING MATTER  
(PAGES 188 - 197)

To consider the joint report of the Director of Law and Property, Director of Finance and the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services.

20. 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.

21. 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>
22.	Staffing Issues – Chief Executive's Directorate	1
23.	Staffing Issue – Directorate of Children's Services.	1
24.	Establishment of Member/Officer Negotiating Panel.	4

22. STAFFING ISSUES – CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S DIRECTORATE (PAGES 198 - 200)

To consider the report of the Chief Executive.

23. STAFFING ISSUE – DIRECTORATE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES (PAGES 201 - 202)

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

24. ESTABLISHMENT OF MEMBER/OFFICER NEGOTIATING PANEL (PAGES 203 - 204)

To consider the report of the Chief Executive.

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

Councillors Adams, Caunt, Evans, Fraser-Macnamara, 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)