Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council

THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON GOOD HEALTH

22 March 2005

Review report: "When the bough breaks". Access to Maternity Services in Dudley

Report of Head of Personnel and Support Services.

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 To present members with the draft version of the Review on Access to Maternity Services, for discussion and amendment.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 Members received an earlier draft of this report at the meeting of the Select Committee in January 2005. This draft presented to the March meeting contains local evidence and recommendations. The report is almost complete and is at present being examined closely by an editing team before being prepared for publication. A list of recommendations by theme is included in the appendices.

3.0 PROPOSALS

3.1 The Select Committee is asked to approve the work to date and the recommendations and to give authority to the Project Board to complete the report and prepare it for publication.

4.0 FINANCE

4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report at this stage.

5.0 LAW

5.1 The relevant statutory provisions regarding the Council's Constitution are contained in Part 11 of the Local Government Act, 2000, together with Regulations, Orders and Statutory Guidance issued by the Secretary of State.

6.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

6.1 This report complies with the Council's equality and diversity policy.

7.0 <u>RECOMMENDATIONS</u>

- 7.1 That the proposals set out in paragraph 3.1 above be approved.
- 8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS
- 8.1 None

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