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Please Ask For: Mr R Sanders Telephone No: 01384 815236

16th March, 2007

Dear Member

Select Committee on Children's Services – 26th March, 2007

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Select Committee on Children's Services, to be held on Monday, 26th March, 2007 at 6.00 pm 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 for Members in the Members' Dining Room from 4.30pm. Please contact Richard Sanders on (01384) 815236 or by e mail to richard.sanders@dudley.gov.uk at least 48 hours before the meeting if a vegetarian or special dietary meal is required or if a meal is not required.

Yours sincerely,

Director of Law and Property

John Payareni

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence from the meeting

2. SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

To report the names of any Substitute Members serving for this meeting.

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 17th January, 2007 (copy herewith).

5. CHILDREN'S SERVICES EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ACTION PLAN 2007/08 (PAGES 1 - 15)

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

6. STANDARDS – PERFORMANCE DATA (PAGES 16 - 58)

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

7. SCHOOLS BUDGETS 2007/08 (PAGES 59 - 67)

To consider the report of the Director of Finance

8. REVIEW OF CONSULTATION ARRANGEMENTS REGARDING SCHOOL CLOSURES (PAGES 68 - 77)

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

9 QUARTERLY CORPORATE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT (PAGES 78 – 164)

To consider the report of the Lead Officer to the Committee

 TO ANSWER QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 24.4 (IF ANY)

To: All Members of the Select Committee on Children's Services:

Councillors

Ahmed, Ms Boleyn, Mrs Coulter, Mrs Dunn, Johnston, Nottingham, Ms Partridge, Rogers, Simms (substitute for Councillor Mrs Pearce), A Turner and C Wilson; Mr Smith, Mr Hatton, Reverend Wickens, Mr Jones, Mr Lynch, Ms Verdegam, Mr Taylor, Ms Bradley, Mrs Simms

CC: Councillors Mrs Pearce and Mrs Walker (for information)