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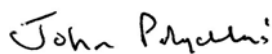
Dear Member

RE: MEETING OF THE CABINET

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Cabinet to be held on Wednesday 16th March 2005 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 in the Members' Dining Room from 4.30 pm. Please contact Richard Sanders on the telephone number above if a vegetarian or special dietary meal is required or if a meal is not required.

Yours sincerely



DIRECTOR OF LAW AND PROPERTY

AGENDA

1. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record and sign the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 9th February 2005 (copy herewith).

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To: All Members of the Cabinet

Councillors Adams, Caunt, Evans, Fraser-Macnamara, Jones, Mrs Martin, Miller, Mrs Millward, Mrs Shakespeare and J Woodall

Minority Group Members nominated to attend meetings of the Cabinet

Councillors Ali, Crumpton, G H Davies, Ms Foster, Sparks and C L Woodall (Labour Group); Councillors Burt and Tyler (Liberal Democrat Group)

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2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence from the meeting.

4. CHANGES IN REPRESENTATION OF MINORITY GROUP MEMBERS

To report any changes in the representation of Minority Group Members for this meeting of the Cabinet.

5. AUDIT AND INSPECTION ANNUAL LETTER 2003/04 (Pages 1 - 23)

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

6. HOUSING OPTIONS APPRAISAL (Pages 24 - 25)

To consider the report of the Director of Housing.

7. THE SUPPORTING PEOPLE PROGRAMME AND FIVE YEAR STRATEGY (Pages 26 - 38)

To consider the report of the Directors of Finance, Housing and Social Services.

8. CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING (Pages 39 - 45)

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

9. CORPORATE ICT STRATEGY 2005-09 (Pages 46 - 84)

To consider the joint report of the Director of Education and Lifelong Learning (as Corporate e-champion) and the Director of Finance

10. COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE SCHEME (Pages 85 - 94)

To consider the report of the Select Committee on Culture and Recreation.

11. PREPARATION OF LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME AS PART OF THE NEW DEVELOPMENT PLAN PROCESS (Pages 95 - 97)

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

12. PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY (Pages 98 - 131)

To consider the report of the Chief Executive and Director of Social Services.

13. ENHANCING STAFFING AT LEARNING DISABILITY CENTRES TO SUPPORT THE MODERNISATION OF DAY OPPORTUNITIES (Pages 132 - 139)

To consider the report of the Director of Social Services.

14. SCRUTINY PROTOCOL FOR SELECT COMMITTEES (Pages 140 - 147)

To consider the report of the Director of Law and Property.

15. MARKETING OF CUSTOMER SERVICES (CATS) (Pages 148 - 156)

To consider the report of the Chief Executive.

16. QUARTERLY CORPORATE PERFORMANCE REPORT (Pages 157 - 204)

To consider the report of the Chief Executive.

17. SWIMMING FACILITIES IN BRIERLEY HILL (Pages 205 - 208)

To consider the report of the Select Committee on Culture and Recreation.

18. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT (Pages 209 - 214)

To consider the Annual Report of the Select Committee.

19. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SAFETY (Pages 215 - 221)

To consider the Annual Report of the Select Committee

20. ISSUES ARISING FROM SELECT COMMITTEES (IF ANY)

21. To consider the adoption of the following resolution:-

That, under Section 100(a) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, 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 Schedule 12A to the Act, in particular the paragraph of Part 1 of that Schedule indicated below:-

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Description of item</u>	<u>Relevant Paragraph of Part I of Schedule 12A</u>
22	Resettlement of Ridge Hill Hospital	1 and 7
23-24	Voluntary Severance/Retirement in the Interests of the Service.	1
25	West Midlands Police Authority Clerkship	1

22. RESETTLEMENT OF RIDGE HILL HOSPITAL (Pages 222 - 228)

To consider the report of the Director of Social Services.

23. REQUEST FOR VOLUNTARY SEVERANCE (Pages 229 - 230)

To consider the report of the Chief Executive.

24. REQUEST FOR VOLUNTARY SEVERANCE AND RETIREMENT IN THE INTERESTS OF EFFICIENCY (Pages 231 – 233)

To consider the report of the Director of Finance.

25. WEST MIDLANDS POLICE AUTHORITY CLERKSHIP – CONSEQUENTIAL ISSUES.

To consider the report of the Leader of the Council.