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Dear Councillor

### **MEETING OF THE CABINET - 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2006**

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Cabinet to be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2006 at 6.00pm 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 the telephone number above if a vegetarian or special dietary meal is required or if a meal is not required.

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 received 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 held on the 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2006 (copy herewith).

**STRATEGIC, POLICY AND PERFORMANCE ISSUES**

5. ECONOMIC REGENERATION ACTIVITIES (KEY DECISION) (PAGES 1 - 9)

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

6. WRENS NEST AND SEVEN SISTERS HERITAGE EXPERIENCE (KEY DECISION) (PAGES 10 - 15)

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

7. APPROVAL FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENTS FOR NATURE CONSERVATION AND THE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT (PAGES 16 - 19)

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

8. DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT – A DEVELOPER’S GUIDE TO NEW HOUSING AND THE URBAN DESIGN CONTEXT: APPROVAL FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION (PAGES 20 - 21)

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

9. APPROVAL FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION OF THE DRAFT ‘PARKING STANDARDS AND TRAVEL PLANS’ SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (PAGES 22 - 24)

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

10. CONFIRMATION OF JOINT WORKING WITH THE OTHER BLACK COUNTRY AUTHORITIES ON THE PRODUCTION OF A JOINT CORE STRATEGY PLANNING DOCUMENT (PAGES 25 - 27)

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

11. INTERIM CORPORATE ICT STRATEGY 2006-2007 (KEY DECISION)  
(PAGES 28 - 45)

To consider the joint report of the Director of Children's Services and the Director of Finance.

12. PROVIDING A MODERN LIBRARY SERVICE IN DUDLEY MBC – A  
STRATEGY FOR THE FUTURE (KEY DECISION) (PAGES 46 - 52)

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

13. REVIEW OF HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY (KEY DECISION)  
(PAGES 53 - 66)

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

14. QUARTERLY CORPORATE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT  
(PAGES 67 - 68)

To consider the report of the Chief Executive.

**FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES**

15. SPENDING PROJECTIONS 2006/07 (PAGES 69 – 73)

To consider the report of the Director of Finance.

16. UPDATE OF THE COUNCIL'S CAPITAL STRATEGY (KEY DECISION)  
(PAGES 74 - 87)

To consider the report of the Director of Finance.

17. CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING (KEY DECISION) (PAGES 88 - 95)

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

18. ANNUAL LETTER 2005/06 FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN  
IN RESPECT OF COMPLAINTS MADE AGAINST THE COUNCIL  
(PAGES 96 – 105)

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

## **SERVICE RELATED CORPORATE ISSUES**

### 19. ISSUES ARISING FROM SELECT COMMITTEES (IF ANY)

#### **PRIVATE SESSION**

In accordance with paragraph 10 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 out weighed by the public interest in maintaining the exemption from disclosure.

### 20. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

To consider the adoption of the following resolution: That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves 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 out weighed by the public interest in maintaining the exemption from disclosure.

<u>Agenda Item</u> <u>No</u>	<u>Description of Item</u>	<u>Relevant Paragraph of</u> <u>Part 1 of Schedule 12A</u>
21.	Dudley Town Centre Regeneration – Redevelopment of Dudley Civic Quadrant.	3
22.	Restructuring of Transportation and Engineering Related Services.	1
23.	Directorate of the Urban Environment – Human Resources Issues.	1

### 21. DUDLEY TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION – REDEVELOPMENT OF DUDLEY CIVIC QUADRANT (KEY DECISION) (PAGES 106 - 110)

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

22. RESTRUCTURING OF TRANSPORTATION AND ENGINEERING RELATED SERVICES (PAGES 111 - 116)

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

23. DIRECTORATE OF THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT – HUMAN RESOURCES ISSUES (PAGES 117 - 120)

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

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

Councillors Adams, Caunt, Evans, Fraser-macnamara, Knowles, Mrs Martin, Miller, Mrs Millward, Mrs Shakespeare and Mrs Walker.

**Opposition Group Members nominated to attend meetings of the Cabinet:**

Councillors Ali, Crumpton, G H Davies, Ms Foster, Sparks, Ms Partridge, Mrs Ridney (Labour Group) and Councillor Tyler (Liberal Democrat Group).