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26th November, 2009

Dear Member

Dudley Schools Forum

Further to my letter dated 9th October, 2009, you are requested to attend a meeting of the Dudley Schools Forum, which will be held at Saltwells EDC, Bowling Green Road, Netherton, Dudley on Tuesday, 8th December, 2009 at 6.00 p.m. The Agenda is attached.

A light buffet will be available in the Durham Room (adjacent to the main hall) from 5.30 p.m. onwards.

Yours sincerely,

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To: - All Members of the Dudley Schools Forum:

Mr Bravo, Mr Dallaway, Mrs Edwards, Mrs Elwiss, Ms Garratt, Mrs Griffiths, Mr Hatton, Mrs Hazlehurst, Mr Hinton, Mr Hudson, Ms Hughes, Mr James, Mr J Jones, Mr P Jones, Ms Mickle, Mr Millman, Mr Millward, Chief Superintendent Monroe, Mr Ridney, Ms Smith, Mr Sorrell, Mr Timmins, Mr Warner, Mr Warren, Mr Wassall, Mrs Withers, Mr Yates and a vacancy for a Secondary school governor for the Central Dudley area.

c.c. Councillors Mrs Walker and Vickers, Cabinet Member for Integrated Children's Services and Chairman of the Select Committee on Children's Services, respectively, and the Director of Children's Services (persons not Members of the Forum but with an entitlement to attend and speak); Assistant Director of Children's Services (Ms Porter), Children's Services Finance Manager (Mrs Cocker) and Principal Accountant (Mrs Coates) – Directorate of Finance, ICT & Procurement. – all Dudley MBC





AGENDA

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence from the meeting.

2. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Forum held on 6th October, 2009 (attached).

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

To consider any matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting of the Forum held on 6th October, 2009 for which specific items are not included on the agenda for this meeting.

4. COMMON ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK (PAGES 1 - 12)

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

5. SUPPORT FOR SCHOOLS' STATUTORY DATA RETURNS (PAGES 13 - 19)

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

6. STAYING SAFE ON SCHOOL TRIPS (PAGES 20 - 23)

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

7. SCHOOLS SAFEGUARDING TRAINER (PAGES 24 - 32)

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

8. DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT RESERVE STATEMENT FOR 2008/09 (PAGES 33 - 36)

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

9. LOCAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY BENCHMARKING TABLES 2009/10 (PAGES 37 - 50)

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

10. FUNDING IMPLICATIONS FOR 2010/11 ONWARDS

The Children's Services Finance Manager to report orally

11. SINGLE STATUS/EQUAL PAY UPDATE

The Director of Children's Services to report orally.

12. BUILDING SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE UPDATE

The Director of Children's Services to report orally

13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY, 2010 AT SALTWELLS EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT CENTRE.