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Dear Councillor

MEETING OF THE CABINET – WEDNESDAY, 29th OCTOBER, 2008

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Cabinet to be held on Wednesday, 29th October, 2008 in Committee Room 2 at the Council House, Priory Road, Dudley to consider the business set out in the agenda below.

A Committee tea will be available in the Members' Dining Room from 4.30pm. Please inform Democratic Services on the telephone number above at least 48 hours before the meeting if a meal is not required or if a vegetarian or special dietary meal is required.

The agenda and reports for this meeting can be viewed on the Council's website www.dudley.gov.uk (Follow the links to Council and Democracy, Council Decision Making and Committee Information).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Poyell".

Director of Law and Property

A G E N D A

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 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 Cabinet held on 10th September, 2008 (copy attached).

BUDGET, STRATEGIC, POLICY AND PERFORMANCE ISSUES

5. RESPONSE TO THE REGIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY PHASE 2 REVISION PREFERRED OPTIONS REPORT (PAGES 1 - 10)

To consider the report of the Director of the Urban Environment

6. ANNUAL REVIEW OF EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY 2008 (PAGES 11 - 12)

To consider the report of the Director of Law and Property

7. DUDLEY TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION – REDEVELOPMENT OF DUDLEY CIVIC QUADRANT (PAGES 13 - 14)

To consider the joint report of the Director of Law and Property and the Director of Finance

FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

8. CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING (KEY DECISION) (PAGES 15 - 21)

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

SERVICE RELATED CORPORATE ISSUES

9. 13-51 ORCHARD STREET, BRIERLEY HILL REGENERATION PROJECT (KEY DECISION) (PAGES 22 - 26)

To consider the joint report of the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services and the Director of Law and Property

10. TRANSFORMING SECONDARY EDUCATION – BUILDING SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE AND ACADEMIES (PAGES 27 - 34)

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

11. ISSUES ARISING FROM SELECT COMMITTEES (IF ANY)

The Director of Law and Property to report orally

PRIVATE SESSION

In accordance with Part 1 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 outweighed by the public interest in maintaining the exemption from disclosure.

12. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

To consider the adoption of the following resolution:-

That 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 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 outweighed by the public interest in maintaining the exemption from disclosure.

<u>Agenda Item Number</u>	<u>Description of Item</u>	<u>Relevant paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A</u>
13.	Staffing Issues – Directorate of Children’s Services	1
14.	Staffing Issues – Directorate of Adult, Community and Housing Services	1

13. STAFFING ISSUES – DIRECTORATE OF CHILDREN’S SERVICES:-

(a) MB (PAGES 35 - 37)

(b) SK (PAGES 38 - 40)

To consider the reports of the Director of Children’s Services

14. STAFFING ISSUES – DIRECTORATE OF ADULT, COMMUNITY AND HOUSING SERVICES

(a) DA (PAGES 41 - 43)

(b) JT (NOT ATTACHED)

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

To: All Members of the Cabinet:

Councillor Caunt (Leader) – Chairman

Councillor Mrs. Millward (Deputy Leader)

Councillors Adams, Evans, Knowles, Miller, Mrs. Shakespeare, Simms,
A. Turner and Mrs. Walker.

Opposition Group Members nominated to attend meetings of the Cabinet:

Councillors Ali, G.H. Davies, Ms. Foster, Ms. Partridge, Mrs. Ridney and Sparks.