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25<sup>th</sup> January 2007

Dear Member

**Dudley Schools Forum**

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 6<sup>th</sup> February 2007, at 6.00 p.m. The Agenda is attached.

A light buffet will be available in the meeting room from 5.30 p.m. onwards.

Yours sincerely,



**Democratic Services Officer**

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To: - All Members of the Dudley Schools Forum:

Mr Bell, Mrs Blunt, Mrs Brennan, Mr Conway, Ms Cosgrove, Mrs Elwiss, Mr Francis, Ms Griffiths, Mr Harrington, Mr Hatton, Mrs Hazlehurst, Mr Ingram, Mr James, Mrs Jessup, Mr Leyshon, Mr Millman, Mr Mountney, Mrs O'Neill, Mr Patterson, Councillor Nottingham, Mr Rhind-Tutt, Mr Ridley, Mr Sorrell, Mr Timmins, Councillor Mrs Walker, Mr Warner, Mr Wassall.

c.c. Assistant Director of Children's Services (Mr Watson), Mr Thompson (Directorate of Children's Services), Children's Services Finance Manager (Mrs Cocker) and Principal Accountant (Mrs Coates) – Directorate of Finance, ICT & Procurement.

# A G E N D A

1. 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 12th December, 2006 (copy attached).

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

To consider any matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting of the Forum held on 12th December, 2006.

4. BUDGET FACT SHEET 2007 – NO. 1 (PAGES 1 – 2)

To note – KC

To note Budget Fact Sheet No. 1 for 2007, as circulated by the Director of Children's Services.

5. DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT (DSG) BUDGET MONITORING 2006/07 (PAGES 3 – 18)

To note – KC

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

6. 2007/08 SCHOOLS BUDGET – UPDATE (PAGES 19 – 26)

Discussion and decision – KC

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

7. SPECIAL SCHOOLS FORMULA REVIEW (PAGES 27 – 36)

Discussion and decision – SC

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

8. MINIMUM FUNDING GUARANTEE – EXCLUDED ITEMS (PAGES 37 – 48)

Discussion and decision – SC

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

9. SMALL SCHOOLS PROTECTION REVIEW (PAGES 49 – 58)

Discussion and decision – SC

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

10 REVIEW OF PUPIL RETENTION FUNDING

KC

To receive a verbal update from the Children's Services Finance Manager

11. LMS SCHEME FOR FINANCING SCHOOLS – RESPONSES TO CONSULTATION (PAGES 59 – 166)

Discussion and decision – KC

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

12. SCHOOLS FINANCIAL BENCHMARKING CONSULTATION (PAGES 167 – 171 )

Discussion and decision – KC

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

13. IMPLEMENTING THE COMMON ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK (TO FOLLOW)

RW

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

14. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

To note the schedule of meetings for the remainder of the 2006/07 municipal year: -

- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2007
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2007