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5<sup>th</sup> March, 2009

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, 17<sup>th</sup> March, 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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**Richard Sanders** 

### **Assistant Principal Officer (Democratic Services)**

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To: - All Members of the Dudley Schools Forum:

Mr M Bell, Mrs Blunt, Mr Conway, Mrs Edwards, Mrs Elwiss, Mr Francis, Ms Garrett, Mrs Griffiths, Mr Harrington, Mr Hatton, Mrs Hazlehurst, Mr Hinton, Mr Hudson, Mr Hunt, Mr Leyshon, Mr James, Mrs Jessup, Mr Millman, Mr Mountney, Councillor Nottingham, Mr Patterson, Mr Ridney, Ms Smith, Mr Sorrell, Mr Temple, Mr Timmins, Councillor Mrs Walker, Mr Warner, Mr Wassall.

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





# AGENDA

#### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence from the meeting.

#### 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members to declare any interests they may have

#### 3. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Forum held on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2009 (to follow).

#### 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

To consider any matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting of the Forum held on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2009 for which specific items are not included on the agenda for this meeting.

5. UPDATE ON EARLY YEARS PROVIDER REFERENCE GROUP (PAGES 1 - 5)

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

6. DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT INDICATIVE BUDGET PLANNING 2009/10 – UPDATE (PAGES 6 - 13)

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

7. DUDLEY'S SCHEME FOR FINANCING SCHOOLS - CONSULTATION (PAGES 14 - 22)

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

8. STANDARDS FUND 1.2 SCHOOL LUNCH GRANT FOR 2009/10 (PAGES 23 - 29)

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

9 DUDLEY SCHOOLS FORUM CONSTITUTION (PAGES 30 - 45)

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

# 10.. SINGLE STATUS AND EQUAL PAY

The Children's Services Finance Manager to report orally.

# 11. ACADEMIES

The Interim Director of Children's Services to report orally