

DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council to be held at the Council House, Priory Road, Dudley on Monday, 21st April, 2008 at 6.00 pm for the purpose of transacting the business set out in the agenda below.

John Pryor

DIRECTOR OF LAW AND PROPERTY

11th April, 2008

A G E N D A

PRAYERS

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT
3. MINUTES
TO APPROVE AS CORRECT RECORDS AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 25TH FEBRUARY AND 3RD MARCH, 2008 (PAGES CL/47 – CL68).
4. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS
5. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEETINGS AS FOLLOWS:

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- (a) Meeting of the Cabinet held on 19th March, 2008.

Councillor Caunt to move:

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| (i) | Local Area Agreement | 1 | 3 |
| (ii) | Capital Programme Monitoring | 4 | 10 |

Councillor Knowles to move:

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| (iii) | Dudley Borough Economic Strategy
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6. NOTICE OF MOTION:-

To consider the following Notice of Motion received from Councillor Ali on 13th March, 2008:-

“This Council welcomes the announcement by the Secretary of State for Innovation, Universities and Skills to develop twenty new universities or university campuses over the next six years, providing places for up to 10,000 students.

The Council notes that the government’s objective is to increase rates of participation in higher education so that 50% of young people attend university and to use the new universities to contribute towards wider plans for regeneration.

This Council believes that Dudley would be an ideal location for such a project because driving up skills, ambition and aspiration is the key to tackling the area’s problems of low skills, low staying on rates, low levels of participation in higher education, all of which must be tackled if we are to secure the borough’s prosperity in the future. A new university campus would also bring new high-skill jobs to the borough and make a massive contribution towards the council’s plans for regeneration.

This Council resolves to work together on a cross-party basis together with our MPs to develop such a compelling case that Dudley is one of the places chosen for one of these projects and, as a first step, resolves to establish a task force of Councillors, MPs, Officers, the business community and those involved in education in the borough to lead a community campaign for a university in Dudley.”

7. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBER TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE (PAGES 25 - 26)

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

8. TO ANSWER QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 11.

9. TO CONSIDER ANY BUSINESS NOT ON THE AGENDA WHICH BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES THE MAYOR IS OF THE OPINION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AT THE MEETING AS A MATTER OF URGENCY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 100(B)(4) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972.