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27th May, 2008

Dear Councillor

Select Committee on Regeneration, Culture and Adult Education

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Select Committee on Regeneration, Culture and Adult Education to be held on Wednesday 4th June, 2008 at 6.00pm in Committee Room 3 at the Council House, Dudley to consider the business set out in the Agenda below.

A Committee tea will be available in the Members' Dining Room from 4.30 pm. Please inform Joe Jablonski 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 Decision Making and Committee Information).

Yours sincerely

Director of Law and Property

John Pomouni

<u>A G E N D A</u>

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence from the meeting.

SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

To report the names of any substitute members serving for this meeting.

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 Committee held on 5th March, 2008 (copy herewith)

PUBLIC FORUM

To receive questions from members of the public.

6. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DIRECTORATE EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ANNUAL REPORT 2007/08 (PAGES 1 - 18)

To consider a report of the Chief Executive

7. DIRECTORATE OF THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT'S EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ANNUAL REPORT 2007/08 (PAGES 19 – 30)

To consider a report of the Director of the Urban Environment.

8. QUARTERLY CORPORATE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT (PAGES 31 – 32)

To consider a report of the Lead Officer to the Committee

9. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE (PAGES 33 – 37)

To consider a report of the Lead Officer to the Committee

10. WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2008/09 (PAGES 38 – 40)

To consider a report of the Lead Officer to the Committee

11. THE LEASOWES RESTORATION (PAGES 41 - 47)

To consider a report of the Director of Law and Property

- 12. TO ANSWER QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 11.8 (IF ANY)
- 13. NOTICE OF MOTION COUNCIL 21ST April,2008

The Council approved the following amended motion :-

"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 level 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 place this development on the work programme for the Select Committee on Regeneration, Culture and Adult Education in the coming Municipal Year."

Councillors

Barlow, D. Blood, G.H Davies, Lowe, Mottram, Perry, Roberts, Stanley, Vickers, C. Wilson and Woodall