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Please Ask For:
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6th March 2008

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 18th March 2008, 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

To: - All Members of the Dudley Schools Forum:

Mr Bell, Mrs Blunt, Mr Conway, Ms Cosgrove, Mrs Elwiss, Mr Francis, Ms Griffiths, Mr Harrington, Mr Hatton, Mrs Hazlehurst, Mr Hudson, Mr Ingram, Mr James, Mrs Jessup, Mr Leyshon, Mr Lloyd, Mr Millman, Mr Mountney, Mr Patterson, Councillor Nottingham, Mr Ridley, Mr Robertson, Ms Smith, Mr Sorrell, Mr Temple, Mr Timmins, Councillor Mrs Walker, Mr Warner, Mr Wassall.

c.c. Director of Children's Services, 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.

AGENDA

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 5th February, 2008 (copy attached).

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

To consider any matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting of the Forum held on 5th February, 2008.

4. 14 – 19 DIPLOMAS – UPDATE (PAGES 1 – 5)

Discussion and decision – IC

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

5. SCHOOL FUNDING SETTLEMENT 2008-11 (PAGES 6 – 10)

Discussion and decision – KC

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

6. FORMULA FUNDING FOR CHANGING SCHOOLS - PAN (PUBLISHED ADMISSION NUMBER) INCREASES (PAGES 11 – 15)

Discussion and decision – SC

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

7. STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP) FOR VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCIES IN SCHOOLS (PAGES 16 – 29)

Discussion and decision – RW

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

8. CLOSURE OF CRADLEY HIGH SCHOOL (PAGES 30 – 33)

To note – SC

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

9. DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT (DSG) FINANCIAL MONITORING 2007/08 (PAGES 34 – 37)

To note – KC

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

10. DUDLEY'S SCHEME FOR FINANCING SCHOOLS – CONSULTATION OUTCOMES (PAGES 38 – 42)

Decision – KC

11. SCHOOL FINANCE REGULATIONS (ENGLAND) 2008 (PAGES 43 – 92)

To note – SC

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

12. PROPOSALS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF WHOLE CLASS INSTRUMENTAL TUITION (PAGES 93 – 102)

Discussion and Decision – RW/GJ

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

13. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

To note the following schedule of meetings for the 2007/08 municipal year: -

- Tuesday 20th May 2008
- Tuesday 8th July 2008