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Please Ask For:
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10th May 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 22nd May 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

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 Ingram, Mr James, Mrs Jessup, Mr Leyshon, Mr Lloyd, 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.

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 20th March, 2007 (copy attached).

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

To consider any matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting of the Forum held on 20th March, 2007.

4. 2006/07 DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT (DSG) OUTTURN (PAGES 1 – 3)

To Note – KC

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

5. PRIMARY SCHOOLS REORGANISATION (PAGES 4 – 10)

To Note – KC/RW

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

6. SCHOOLS RESERVES 2006/07 PROVISIONAL OUTTURN (PAGES 11 – 13)

To Note – KC

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

7. CONSULTATION AND RESPONSE ON SCHOOL, EARLY YEARS AND 14-16 FUNDING (PAGES 14 – 142)

Discussion and decision – KC

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

8. AUDIT COMMISSION SCHOOLS BALANCES TOOLKIT 2003-2006 (PAGES 143 – 165)

To Note – KC

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

9. CRADLEY HIGH SCHOOL – BUDGET PLAN FOR 2007/08

Verbal Update – RW

To receive a verbal update from the Assistant Director of Children's Services (Resources).

10. DEPRIVATION REVIEW – UPDATE

To Note – KC

To receive a verbal update from the Principal Accountant – Children's Services Accountancy.

11. SECTION 52 BUDGET STATEMENT 2007/08 (Pages 166 – 168 and enclosed booklet)

To Note – SC

Statement to be circulated at the meeting for information purposes.

12. INTRODUCTION OF SINGLE POINT OF ENTRY FOR RECEPTION CLASSES

Verbal Update – KC

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

13. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

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

- Tuesday 10th July 2007
- Tuesday 2nd October 2007
- Tuesday 11th December 2007
- Tuesday 5th February 2008
- Tuesday 18th March 2008
- Tuesday 20th May 2008
- Tuesday 8th July 2008