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Dear Councillor


AUDIT COMMITTEE – THURSDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2009

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Audit Committee to be held on Thursday 24th September, 2009, 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 for Members in the Members' Dining Room from 4.45pm. Please inform Karen Wilson 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,



Interim Director of Law, Property and Human Resources

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence from the meeting.

2. APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

To report the appointment of any substitutes to this meeting of the Committee.

3. 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 29th June, 2009.

5. EXTERNAL AUDITORS ANNUAL GOVERNANCE REPORT 2008/09
(TO FOLLOW)

To consider a joint report of the Chief Executive and the Interim Director of Finance.

6. AMENDMENTS TO STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2008/09 (TO FOLLOW)

To consider a report of the Interim Director of Finance.

7. TREASURY MANAGEMENT (PAGES 1 - 5)

To consider a report of the Interim Director of Finance.

8. REGIONAL BENCHMARKING (PAGES 6 - 11)

To consider a report of the Interim Director of Finance

9. TO ANSWER QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 11.8 (IF ANY)

PRIVATE SESSION

In accordance with Paragraph 10 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, the Proper Officer has determined that there will be no advance disclosure of the following reports because the public interest in disclosing the information set out in the following items is outweighed by the public interest in maintaining the exemption from disclosure

10. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

To consider the adoption of the following resolution:-

That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as indicated below:-

<u>Agenda Item No</u>	<u>Description of Item</u>	<u>Relevant Paragraph of Part I of Schedule 12A</u>
11	Suspensions under the Provisions of the Employee Improvement and Disciplinary Procedure	2 and 7
12	Annual Audit Report in Relation to the Directorate of the Urban Environment.	2 and 7
13	Annual Audit Report in Relation to the Directorate of Finance, ICT and Procurement.	2 and 7
14	Exceptions to Standing Orders.	2 and 7

11. SUSPENSIONS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYEE IMPROVEMENT AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE (PAGES 12 - 15)

To consider a report of the Interim Director of Law, Property and Human Resources.

12. ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT IN RELATION TO THE DIRECTORATE OF THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT (PAGES 16 - 42)

To consider a report of the Interim Director of Finance.

13. ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT IN RELATION TO THE DIRECTORATE OF FINANCE, ICT AND PROCUREMENT. (PAGES 43 - 70)

To consider a report of the Interim Director of Finance.

14. EXCEPTIONS TO STANDING ORDERS (PAGES 71 - 75)

To consider a report of the Interim Director of Finance.

Distribution

Councillors Ahmed, Ali, Burston, J D Davies, J R Davies, Hill, Kettle, Ms Nicholls and Taylor.