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Dear Councillor

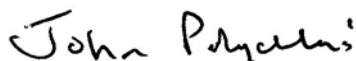
MEETING OF THE CABINET – WEDNESDAY, 10th SEPTEMBER, 2008

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Cabinet to be held on Wednesday, 10th September, 2008 in Committee Room 2 at the Council House, Priory Road, Dudley to consider the business set out in the agenda below.

A Committee tea will be available in the Members' Dining Room from 4.30pm. Please inform Democratic Services 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 and Democracy, Council Decision Making and Committee Information).

Yours sincerely



Director of Law and Property

A G E N D A

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence from the meeting.

2. CHANGES IN REPRESENTATION OF MINORITY GROUP MEMBERS

To report any changes in the representation of Minority Group Members at this meeting.

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 Cabinet held on 11th June, 2008 (copy attached).

BUDGET, STRATEGIC, POLICY AND PERFORMANCE ISSUES

5. SPENDING PROJECTIONS 2008/09 (KEY DECISION) (PAGES 1 – 4)

To consider the report of the Director of Finance

6. UPDATE OF THE COUNCIL'S CAPITAL STRATEGY (PAGES 5 – 6)

To consider the report of the Director of Finance

7. COMMUNITY RENEWAL STRATEGY (KEY DECISION) (PAGES 7 – 11)

To consider the report of the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services

8. EMPTY HOMES STRATEGY 2008-2011 (KEY DECISION) (PAGES 12 – 14)

To consider the report of the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services

9. DRAFT POST 19 LEARNING AND SKILLS STRATEGY (KEY DECISION)
(PAGES 15 – 19)

To consider the report of the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services

10. QUARTERLY CORPORATE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT
(PAGES 20 – 21)

To consider the report of the Chief Executive

FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

11. REVISED CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE (PAGES 22 – 49)

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

12. REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION (PAGES 50 – 53)

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

13. CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING (KEY DECISION) (PAGES 54 – 64)

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

SERVICE RELATED CORPORATE ISSUES

14. FOOD SERVICE PLAN 2008-09 (PAGES 65 – 73)

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

15. LOCAL INVOLVEMENT NETWORK (LINKs) IN DUDLEY (KEY DECISION)
(PAGES 74 – 77)

To consider the report of the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services

16. TRANSFORMATION OF SOCIAL CARE: THE PERSONALISATION AGENDA
(KEY DECISION) (PAGES 78 – 83)

To consider the report of the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services

17. PROPOSED DUDLEY MOSQUE AND COMMUNITY TRAINING AND
ENTERPRISE CENTRE (PAGES 84 – 88)

To consider the report of the Director of Law and Property

18. ANNUAL LETTER 2007/08 FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN
IN RESPECT OF COMPLAINTS MADE AGAINST THE COUNCIL (PAGES 89 –
101)

To consider the report of the Director of Law and Property

19. SOUTH BLACK COUNTRY ENTERPRISE AND INNOVATION CENTRE (KEY
DECISION) (PAGES 102 – 105)

To consider the report of the Director of the Urban Environment

20. STRATA (WREN'S NEST NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE) PROJECT AND
STEPSHAFT MINE (KEY DECISION) (PAGES 106 – 109)

To consider the report of the Director of the Urban Environment

21. ISSUES ARISING FROM SELECT COMMITTEES (IF ANY)

The Director of Law and Property to report orally.

PRIVATE SESSION

In accordance with Part 1 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.

22. 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 specified below and, in all the circumstances, the public interest in disclosing the information is outweighed by the public interest in maintaining the exemption from disclosure.

<u>Agenda Item Number</u>	<u>Description of Item</u>	<u>Relevant paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A</u>
23.	Portway Close Garage Site, Kingswinford – Regeneration Project.	3
24.	Staffing Issues – Directorate of Adult, Community and Housing Services.	1

23. PORTWAY CLOSE GARAGE SITE, KINGSWINFORD – REGENERATION PROJECT (KEY DECISION) (PAGES 110 – 112)

To consider the report of the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services.

24. STAFFING ISSUES – DIRECTORATE OF ADULT, COMMUNITY AND HOUSING SERVICES:-

(a) AE (PAGES 113 – 115)

(b) JJ (PAGES 116 – 118)

To consider the reports of the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services.

To: All Members of the Cabinet:

Councillor Caunt (Leader) – Chairman

Councillor Mrs. Millward (Deputy Leader)

Councillors Adams, Evans, Knowles, Miller, Mrs. Shakespeare, Simms,
A. Turner and Mrs. Walker.

Opposition Group Members nominated to attend meetings of the Cabinet:

Councillors Ali, G.H. Davies, Ms. Foster, Ms. Partridge, Mrs. Ridney and Sparks.