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10th June, 2009

Dear Councillor

SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN'S SERVICES

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Select Committee on Children's Services to be held on Thursday, 18th June, 2009 at 6 p.m. in Committee Room 2 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 contact Richard Sanders on (01384) 815236 or e mail richard.sanders@dudley.gov.uk by no later than 16th June if a vegetarian or special dietary meal is required or if a meal is not required.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "R. Sanders", written over a horizontal line.

Interim Director of Law and Property

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence from the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations of interest in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct.

3. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 25th March, 2009 (copy herewith)

4. SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

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

5. TERMS OF REFERENCE AND RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE COMMITTEE AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS, INCLUDING THE WORK PROGRAMME AND WORKING GROUPS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE 2009/10 MUNICIPAL YEAR (PAGES 1 – 10)

To consider the report of the Lead Officer to the Committee

6. ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE REVIEW OF THE 2008/09 YEAR (PAGES 11 – 19)

To consider the report of the Lead Officer to the Committee

7. PRIMARY CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2008 – 2022 (PAGES 20 – 24)

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

~~8~~ BLACK COUNTRY CHALLENGE – END OF YEAR ONE REVIEW (PAGES 25 – 40)

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

9. FINDINGS OF AN OFSTED INSPECTION IN RESPECT OF DUDLEY'S FOSTERING SERVICE (PAGES 41 - 45)

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

10. DRAFT EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ANNUAL REPORT 2008/09 (PAGES 46 - 67)

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

11. ANNUAL REPORT 2008/09 – CHILDREN'S STATUTORY SOCIAL CARE COMPLAINTS AND COMPLIMENTS (PAGES 68 - 97)

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

12. PROTECTION OF CHILDREN IN ENGLAND – LORD LAMING’S REPORT AND GOVERNMENT ACTION PLAN (PAGES 98 - 106)

To consider the report of the Director of Children’s Services

13. QUARTERLY CORPORATE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT

(a) To consider the report of the Lead Officer to the Committee
(Pages 107 - 108)

(b) To consider the accompanying report of the Interim Director of Children’s Services on contextual issues on particular areas of service.
(Pages 109 - 115)

14 TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ASKED UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 11.8 (IF ANY)

To: All members of the Select Committee on Children’s Services: Councillors Ms Boleyn, Mrs Coulter, Crumpton, Mrs Dunn, Mrs Greenaway, Hanif, Nottingham, Ms Partridge, Mrs Rogers, Vickers, Wright; Mr Jones; Mrs Ward, Reverend Wickens; Mrs Roe, Mrs Verdegem; Mr Taylor; Mrs Lees, Mrs Simms.
c.c Cllr Mrs Walker, Cllr Evans