# DUDLEY SCHOOL ORGANISATION COMMITTEE

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26th January 2007

Dear Member

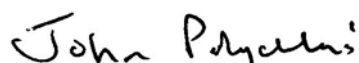**Dudley School Organisation Committee**

Further to previous correspondence, I now write to give notice that a meeting of the Dudley School Organisation Committee will be held in the Council Chamber at the Council House, Priory Road, Dudley on Wednesday 7th February, 2007 at 6.00pm to consider the business set out in the agenda overleaf.

Please note that the meeting is convened as a general meeting for the purposes of agenda item number 5. The meeting will have the status of an ordinary meeting for all other items on the agenda.

Car parking provision for Members of the Committee will be available in the Members' Car Park situated to the rear of the Council House, entry to which is gained from St James's Road. Entry to the car park is barrier-controlled and members will be admitted upon announcing their arrival through the intercom machinery at the barrier. A location map is attached.

A light buffet will be available in Committee Room 3 before the meeting from 5.15pm onwards.

Yours sincerely

*John Polychronakis*

**Secretary**

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To: All Members of the Dudley School Organisation Committee, namely:

Councillors Mrs Dunn, Finch, Nottingham, Ms Partridge and Mrs Walker (LEA Group);
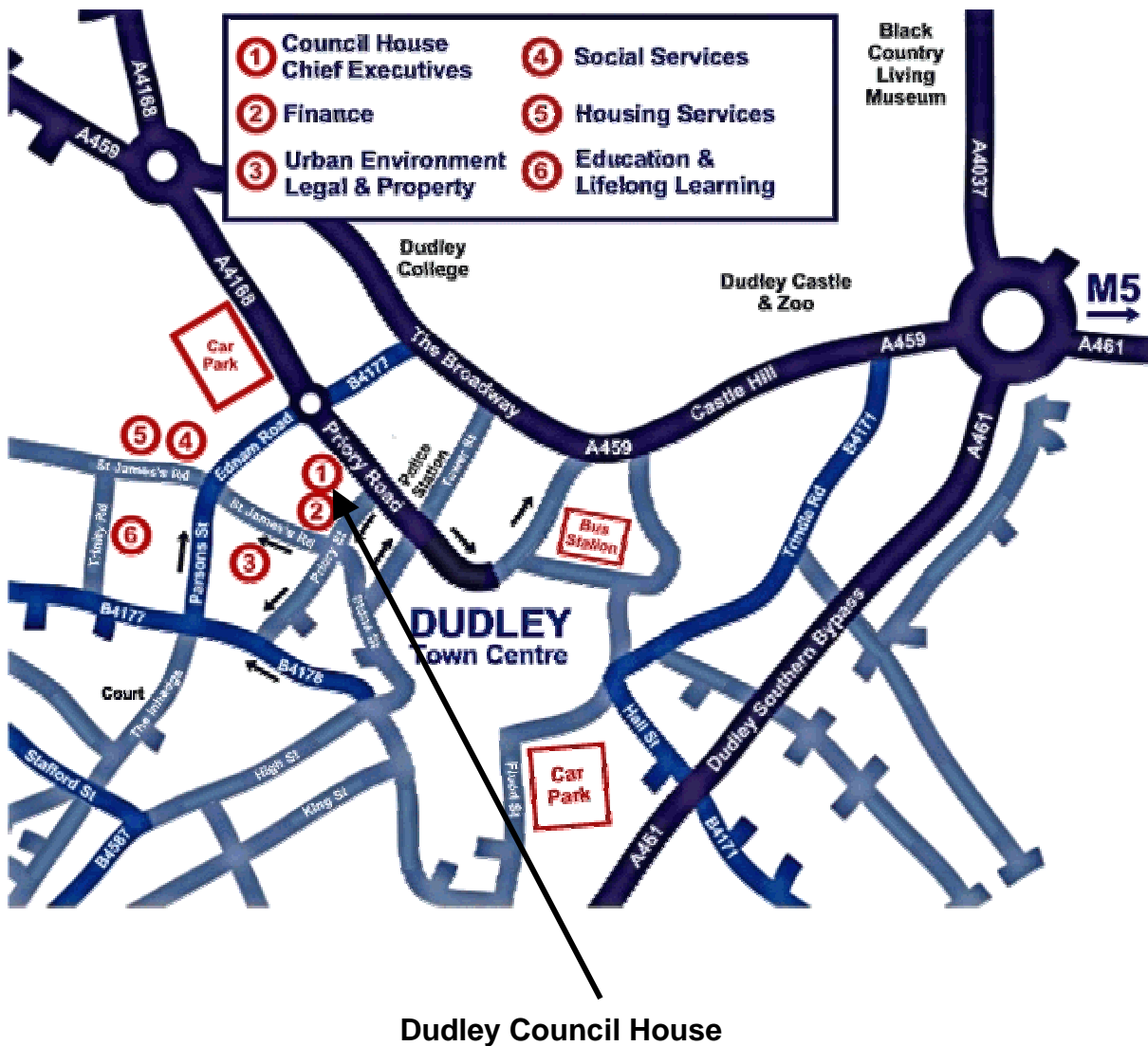Mrs Blunt (as alternate Member for Mr Bell), Mr Conway, Mrs Jessup, Mrs Lewis, Mr Patterson, and Mr Timmins; (Schools Group);
Mr Potter and Mr Spurrell (Roman Catholic Church Group);
Mrs Capell, Reverend Johnston, Reverend Morphy and Reverend Wickens (Church of England Group);
Ms Cosgrove (Black Country Learning and Skills Council)
Cc: Julian Sladdin, Independent Legal Adviser to the Committee



**Dudley Council House**

# DUDLEY SCHOOL ORGANISATION COMMITTEE
## Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2007, at 6.00pm

## AGENDA

1.      MINUTES

The minutes of meeting of the Committee held on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2007, will be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee for approval as a correct record.

2.      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations of interest in accordance with paragraph 4.2 of the Constitution and Terms of Reference of the Committee.

3.      APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence from the meeting.

4.      APPOINTMENT OF ALTRNATE MEMBERS

To report the appointment of any alternate members for the meeting.

5.      CONSTITUTION

To consider and determine the recommendations made at the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2006, in the terms set out below.  Please note that, under the Constitution, amendments to the Constitution require the approval of the Cabinet Member for Children's Services of Dudley MBC and a determination by the Committee to make the amendments will therefore require the approval of the Cabinet Member:

That the Constitution and Terms of Reference of the Committee be amended to include the following:-

(a)     That School Organisation proposals will only be considered by the Committee if they are circulated to Members at least 7 working days in advance of the meeting;

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(b)      That proposals will be considered only if they are set out in accordance with the form and documentation in the relevant DfES guidance.

(c)      That proposals will only be considered if the Legal Adviser receives the documentation for the purpose of confirmation of prescribed information at least 5 working days in advance of despatch of the agenda.

N.B. The meeting has been convened as a formal meeting for the purpose of this item and, to approve the amendment, there must be agreement from two thirds of the membership of the Committee, from at least three of the groups.

6.      CRADLEY HIGH SCHOOL

To consider, in accordance with the relevant legislative requirements, the proposal of Dudley MBC to discontinue Cradley High School, as set out in the attached published notice dated 24th November, 2006 (group voting will apply).