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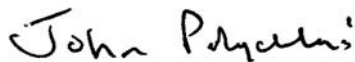
Dear Member

**Select Committee on Lifelong Learning**

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Select Committee on Lifelong Learning to be held on Wednesday, 18 January 2006 at 6.00 pm 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 the above telephone number if a vegetarian or special dietary meal is required or if a meal is not required.

Yours sincerely



**DIRECTOR OF LAW AND PROPERTY**

**AGENDA**

1. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Committee held on 16 January 2006 will be submitted to the meeting of the Committee to be held on 8 March 2006.

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To: All Members of the Select Committee on Lifelong Learning, namely:-

Councillors Boys, Mrs Coulter, Mrs Dunn, Ms Hart, Johnston, Mrs Pearce, Rahman, Mrs Ridley, Rogers, Ryder, Wright; Mr Dudley, Mr Smith; Mrs Capell, Mr Hatton; Mrs Hewitt-Clarkson, Mrs Roe; Mr Guest; Mr Nottingham and Mrs Simms.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence from the meeting.

4. SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

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

5. OVERVIEW OF CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE SERVICES (Pages 1 - 5)

To consider the report of the Director or Children's Services. A presentation on this issue will be given.

6. UPDATE ON ANNUAL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT AND JOINT AREA REVIEW OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES (Pages 6 - 11)

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

7. QUALITY OF FOUNDATION STAGE EDUCATION IN DUDLEY BOROUGH (Pages 12 - 29)

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

8. PROPOSED REVENUE BUDGET 2006/07

To consider the joint report of the Director of Children's Services and Director of Finance. (To follow)

9. QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT (Pages 30 - 60)

To consider the report of the Lead Officer to the Committee.

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