

DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council to be held at the Council House, Priory Road, Dudley on Monday, 7th October, 2013 at 6.00 pm for the purpose of transacting the business set out in the in the numbered agenda items listed below.



DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE RESOURCES

27th September, 2013

A G E N D A

PRAYERS

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2. 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 meeting of the Council held on 15th July, 2013 (Pages CI/17 - CI/21)

4. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS
5. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEETINGS AS FOLLOWS:

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Meeting of the Cabinet held on 18th September, 2013

Councillor Sparks to move:

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6. NOTICE OF MOTION

To consider the following notice of motion received from Councillor J Martin on 20th September, 2013:

“This Council:

Notes that the ‘Bedroom Tax’ (disingenuously referred to by the Conservative led Government as their spare room subsidy) will hit hundreds of the poorest households in the Dudley Borough. The Equality Impact Assessment conducted by the Government estimates that two thirds of affected households include a person with a disability.

Believes that the policy will fail as forcing tenants to move to smaller, but in many cases, more expensive private rented accommodation will in many cases lead to higher benefit payments.

Notes that the Bedroom Tax will do nothing to help those on the Council's housing waiting list.

Believes that with house building at the lowest level since the 1920's, Government should be investing in new social housing in the borough creating real homes, rather than making clumsy and punitive benefit cuts that penalise the least well off.

Calls on registered social landlords operating in the Borough to refrain from seeking possession of properties where arrears are substantially due to tenants struggling to cope with the impact of the ‘Bedroom Tax’.

Asks the Government to axe the Bedroom Tax (spare room subsidy), which will cut the benefit paid to some of Dudley Borough's most vulnerable residents.

Calls upon the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for the Department of Work and Pensions asking the Government to repeal the Bedroom Tax (spare room subsidy) as a matter of urgency.”

7. TO ANSWER QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 11
8. TO CONSIDER ANY BUSINESS NOT ON THE AGENDA WHICH BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES THE MAYOR IS OF THE OPINION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AT THE MEETING AS A MATTER OF URGENCY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 100(B)(4) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972