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6<sup>th</sup> November, 2012

Dear Member

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2012 AT 6.00PM**

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee to be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2012 at 6.00 pm in Committee Room 2 at the Council House, Dudley, to consider the business set out in the Agenda below.

The agenda and reports for this meeting can be viewed on the Council's internet site [www.dudley.gov.uk](http://www.dudley.gov.uk) and follow the links to Meetings and Decisions.

Yours sincerely



Director of Corporate Resources

**A G E N D A**

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence from the meeting.

2. SUBSITUTE MEMBERS

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

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 Committee held on 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2012 (copy attached).

5. ACTION PLANS IN RESPONSE TO OfSTED INSPECTION OF SAFEGUARDING AND LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN (PAGES 1 – 11)

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

6. REVENUE BUDGET STRATEGY 2013/14 (PAGES 12– 28)

To consider a joint report of the Chief Executive, Treasurer and Director of Children's Services.

7. THE WORK OF DUDLEY YOUTH OFFENDING SERVICES (YOS) (PAGES 29 - 37)

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

8. THE YOUTH OFFENDING SERVICE INSPECTION OUTCOMES (PAGES 38 – 41)

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

9. TO ANSWER QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 11.8 (IF ANY) AND QUESTIONS ON THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ITEMS AVAILABLE ON THE COMMITTEE MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (CMIS).

Information Items

- (a) Responses to Questions from the Previous Meeting.
- (b) Directorate of Children's Services – Contextual Information regarding Performance in the Following Areas:-

Care leavers in employment, education and training;  
Number of looked after children per 10,000 of the child population;  
Percentage of initial assessments for children's social care carried out in less than ten working days.

- (c) Private Fostering Report.
- (d) Quarterly Corporate Performance Management Report and

- Contextual Information.
- (e) Annual report of Complaints, Comments and Compliments for Children's Services Social Care Specialist Services 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2011 to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2012

Members are asked to email [steve.griffiths@dudley.gov.uk](mailto:steve.griffiths@dudley.gov.uk) (at least three working days before the meeting) with details of any questions they wish to raise on the information items.

This will enable responses to questions to be circulated prior to the meeting.

Questions on information items raised at the meeting will receive a written response following the meeting.

To: All Members of the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee:

Councillor S Turner (Chair)

Councillor Boleyn (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Arshad, Attwood, Mrs Billingham, Bills, Casey, J Jones, Marrey, Mrs Simms and Mrs Walker.

Mrs Ward, Reverend Wickens; Mr Songole, Mr Tinsley; Mrs Verdegem; Mr Taylor; Mrs Coulter, Mr Ridney

cc: Councillor Crumpton (Cabinet Member for Children's Services)