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Please Ask For:
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28th November 2007

Dear Member

Dudley Schools Forum

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Dudley Schools Forum, which will be held at Saltwells EDC, Bowling Green Road, Netherton, Dudley on Tuesday 11th December 2007, at 6.00 p.m. The Agenda is attached.

A light buffet will be available in the meeting room from 5.30 p.m. onwards.

Yours sincerely,



Democratic Services Officer

To: - All Members of the Dudley Schools Forum:

Mr Bell, Mrs Blunt, Mr Conway, Ms Cosgrove, Mrs Elwiss, Mr Francis, Ms Griffiths, Mr Harrington, Mr Hatton, Mrs Hazlehurst, Mr Ingram, Mr James, Mrs Jessup, Mr Leyshon, Mr Lloyd, Mr Millman, Mr Mountney, Mrs O'Neill, Mr Patterson, Councillor Nottingham, Mr Ridney, Mr Robertson, Mr Sorrell, Mr Timmins, Councillor Mrs Walker, Mr Warner, Mr Wassall.

c.c. Assistant Director of Children's Services (Mr Watson), Mr Thompson (Directorate of Children's Services), Children's Services Finance Manager (Mrs Cocker) and Principal Accountant (Mrs Coates) – Directorate of Finance, ICT & Procurement.

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence from the meeting.

2. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Forum held on 2nd October, 2007 (copy attached).

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

To consider any matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting of the Forum held on 2nd October, 2007.

4. MEMBERSHIP OF SCHOOLS FORUMS – IMPACT OF SCHOOL, EARLY YEARS AND 14-16 FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS – 2008-11 (PAGES 1 – 21)

Discussion and decision – KC/RJ

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

5. 14 – 19 REFORMS (PAGES 22 – 35)

To discuss – KC/IC

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

6. SCHOOL, EARLY YEARS AND 14-16 FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS – 2008-11 (PAGES 36 – 94)

To note – KC

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

7. SCHOOL FUNDING SETTLEMENT – 2008-11 (PAGES 95 – 107)

Discussion and decision – KC

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

8. ASTLEY BURF OUTDOOR CENTRE (PAGES 108 – 111)

Discussion and decision – RW

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

9. STAYING SAFE ON SCHOOL TRIPS (PAGES 112 – 115)

Discussion and decision – RW

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

10. DUDLEY CATERING AND CLIENT SERVICES (DCCS) – SCHOOL MEALS SERVICE (PAGES 116 – 124)

Discussion and decision – RW/PR

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

11. STANDARDS FUND 1.2 SCHOOL LUNCH GRANT (PAGES 125 – 129)

Discussion and decision – RW

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

12. SCHOOLS BALANCES (PAGES 130 – 142)

Discussion and decision – KC

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

13. DEPRIVATION FUNDING REVIEW – UPDATE (PAGES 143 – 150)

To discuss – SC

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

14. SMALL SCHOOLS PROTECTION – UPDATE (PAGES 151 – 155)

To discuss – SC

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

15. COMMON ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK (CAF) – UPDATE (TO FOLLOW)

To discuss – RW

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

16. EARLY YEARS REFERENCE GROUP – UPDATE (PAGES 156 – 160)

To note – SC

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

17. CLOSURE OF CRADLEY HIGH SCHOOL – UPDATE (PAGES 161 – 163)

To note – SC

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

18. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

To note the following schedule of meetings for the 2007/08 municipal year: -

- Tuesday 5th February 2008
- Tuesday 18th March 2008
- Tuesday 20th May 2008
- Tuesday 8th July 2008