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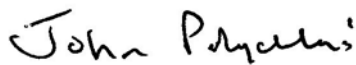
Dear Councillor

SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN'S SERVICES – 15th SEPTEMBER, 2008

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Select Committee on Children's Services to be held on Monday, 15th September, 2008 at 6 p.m. 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 (01384) 815236 or e mail richard.sanders@dudley.gov.uk by no later than 11th September 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. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence from the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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 Committee held on 19th June, 2008 (copy herewith)

4. SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

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

5 WORKING GROUPS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR 2008/09 (PAGES 1 - 2)

To consider the report of the Lead Officer to the Committee

6 BUILDING SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE AND ACADEMIES (PAGES 3 - 4)

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

7 THE FOSTERING SERVICE (PAGES 5 - 11)

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

8 WHITE PAPER "RAISING EXPECTATIONS: ENABLING THE SYSTEM TO DELIVER" (PAGES 12 – 15)

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

9 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT POLICY (PAGES 16 – 54)

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

10 THE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PARTNER PROGRAMME (PAGES 55 – 58)

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

11 CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF THE ETHNIC MINORITY ACHIEVEMENT SERVICE (PAGES 59 – 60)

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

12 ANNUAL REPORT 2007/08 ON CHILDREN'S STATUTORY SOCIAL CARE COMPLAINTS AND COMPLIMENTS (PAGES 61 – 95)

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

13 QUARTERLY CORPORATE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT
(QCPM) (PAGES 96 – 97)

To consider the report of the Lead Officer to the Committee. The substantive QCPM document is attached separately.

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

To: All members of the Select Committee on Children's Services: Councillors Ms Boleyn, Crumpton, Mrs Dunn, Hanif, Hill, Islam, Nottingham, Ms Partridge, Mrs Rogers, Stanley, Wright; Mrs Cunneen, Mrs Roe, Mrs Simms, Mr Smith, Mr Taylor, Mrs Verdegem, Reverend Wickens

c.c Cllr Mrs Walker, Cllr Simms