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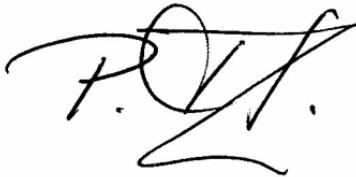
8th September, 2010

Dear Councillor

SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN'S SERVICES

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Select Committee on Children's Services to be held on Thursday, 16th September, 2010 at 6 p.m. in Committee Room 2 at the Council House, Dudley, to consider the business set out in the agenda below.

Yours sincerely



Director of Corporate Resources

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 meetings of the Committee held on 17th June, 2010 (copy herewith)

4. SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

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

5. COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE – ELECTED PARENT GOVERNOR REPRESENTATIVES (PAGES 1 - 2)

To consider the joint report of the Director of Corporate Resources and the Acting Director of Children's Services

6. WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE 2010/11 MUNICIPAL YEAR (PAGES 3 - 4)

To consider the report of the Lead Officer to the Committee

7. CHILD POVERTY (PAGES 5 - 8)

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

8. UNANNOUNCED OFSTED INSPECTION OF CONTACT, REFERRAL AND ASSESSMENT ARRANGEMENTS (PAGES 9 - 17)

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

9. ANNUAL REPORT 2009/10 – CHILDREN'S STATUTORY COMPLAINTS AND COMPLIMENTS REPORT (PAGES 18 - 20)

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

10. QUARTERLY CORPORATE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT

(a) To consider the report of the Lead Officer to the Committee
(Pages 21 - 22)

(b) To consider the accompanying report of the Acting Director of Children's Services on contextual issues on particular areas of service.
(Pages 23 -26)

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

PRIVATE SESSION

In accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972, the Proper Officer has determined that there will be no advance disclosure of the following reports because the public interest in disclosing the information set out

in the following items is outweighed by the public interest in maintaining the exemption from disclosure.

12. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

To consider the adoption of the following resolution:-

That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972, as specified below and, in all the circumstances, the public interest in disclosing the information is outweighed by the public interest in maintaining the exemption from disclosure.

<u>Agenda Item Number</u>	<u>Description of Item</u>	<u>Relevant paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A</u>
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13. ADOPTIONS OF CHILDREN IN CARE (PAGES 27 - 46)

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

To: All members of the Select Committee on Children's Services: Councillors Attwood, Crumpton, Mrs Dunn, Mrs Greenaway, Hanif, Ms Harris, J Jones, J Martin, Mrs Rogers, Vickers, P Woodall; Mrs Ward, Reverend Wickens; Mrs Roe, Mrs Verdegem; Mr Taylor; Mrs Lees, Mrs Simms.

c.c Cllr Mrs Walker, Cllr P Harley