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**Please Ask For:**  
Mr R Jewkes

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8<sup>th</sup> March 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 20<sup>th</sup> March 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**

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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 Rhind-Tutt, Mr Ridley, 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 6th February, 2006 (copy attached).

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

To consider any matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting of the Forum held on 6th February, 2006.

4. CONSISTENT FINANCIAL REPORTING (CFR) – 2005/06 (PAGES 1 – 3)

To Note – KC

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

5. PUPIL RETENTION FUNDING 2007/08 (PAGES 4 – 11)

Discussion and decision – JM

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

6. 2007/08 SCHOOLS BUDGET – FUNDED BY THE DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT (PAGES 12 – 17)

Discussion and decision – KC

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

7. DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT (DSG) 2006/07 OUTTURN

To note – KC

To receive a verbal update from the Children's Services Finance Manager.

8. SCHOOLS' TRADING ACCOUNTS 2006/07 (PAGES 18 – 24)

To note - KC

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

9. TRANSPORT BUDGETS 2006/07 (PAGES 25 – 29)

To note - KC

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

10. NURSERY STATEMENTS **(WITHDRAWN)**

Discussion and decision – KC

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

11. CLOSURE OF CRADLEY HIGH SCHOOL – BUDGET PROCESS  
(PAGES 34 – 37)

To note - RW

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

12. **PRIVATE ITEM** – MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO MAINTAIN THE  
**CONFIDENTIALITY OF THIS REPORT**

STAFFING IMPLICATIONS OF RECENT SCHOOL CLOSURES  
(PAGES 38 – 48)

Discussion and decision – RW

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

13. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

To note the schedule of meetings for the remainder of the 2006/07  
municipal year: -

- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2007