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17th March, 2008

Dear Councillor

SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN'S SERVICES – 26th MARCH, 2008

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Select Committee on Children's Services to be held on Wednesday, 26th March, 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 24th March if a vegetarian or special dietary meal is required or if a meal is not required.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Poyce".

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 23rd January, 2008 (copy herewith)

4. SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

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

5 STANDARDS REPORT – PERFORMANCE DATA (PAGES 1 - 50)

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

6 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN

The Director of Children's Services to report orally

7 THE DUDLEY PLAY STRATEGY (PAGES 51 - 55)

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

8 11 MILLION -TAKEOVER DAY 2007 (PAGES 56 - 60)

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

9 YOUTH PROVISION

The Director of Children's Services to report orally on the work of the Youth Provision Working Group

10 THE FOSTERING SERVICE (PAGES 61 -66)

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

11 QUARTERLY CORPORATE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT
(PAGES 67 – 75)

To consider the report of the Lead Officer to the Committee attached separately

12 UPDATE ON TOPICAL ISSUES (PAGES 76 - 77)

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

13 NOTICE GIVEN UNDER SELECT COMMITTEE PROCEDURE RULE 8

Councillor Ms Partridge has given notice, pursuant to Select Committee Procedure Rule 8, that she wishes the following items to be included on the agenda for this meeting:

- Ethnic Minority Advisory Service
- Building Schools for the Future

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 Blood, Ms Boleyn, Mrs Coulter, Mrs Dunn, Hanif, Hill, Nottingham, Ms Partridge, Ms Roberts, Mrs Rogers, Wright; Mr Hatton, Reverend Wickens; Mr Jones, Mr Smith, Mrs Roe, Mrs Verdegem; Mr Billingham, Mrs Simms; Mr Taylor

c.c Cllr Mrs Walker

N.B. Teenage Pregnancy was included in the Work Programme to be considered at this meeting but was referred instead to the meeting on 15/11/07