

DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council to be held at the Council House, Priory Road, Dudley on Monday, 23rd February, 2009 at 6.00 pm for the purpose of transacting the business set out in the agenda below.



INTERIM DIRECTOR OF LAW AND PROPERTY

13th February 2009

A G E N D A

PRAYERS

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2. 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 COUNCIL HELD ON 1ST DECEMBER 2008 (PAGES CL/36 - CL/45)
4. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS
5. TO CONSIDER A REPORT OF THE INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE ON THE APPOINTMENT OF AN OFFICER AND DEPUTY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROPER ADMINISTRATION OF THE COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL AFFAIRS, UNDER AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 151 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972 (PAGES 1-2)
6. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEETINGS AS FOLLOWS:

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- (a) Meetings of the Cabinet held on 10th December, 2008 and 11th February, 2009

Councillor Caunt to move:		
Capital Programme Monitoring	3	15
(b) Meeting of the Cabinet held on 11 th February, 2009		
Councillor Caunt to move:		
(i) Update of the Council's Capital Strategy	16	30
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(iii) Updating the Community Strategy and Engagement Framework and Local Area Agreement	34	39
Councillor Evans to move:		
(iv) Deployment of Resources: Housing Revenue Account and Public Sector Housing Capital	40	60
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(c) Meeting of the Audit Committee held on 12 th February, 2009		
Councillor Taylor to move:		
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7. NOTICE OF MOTION

To consider the following Notice of Motion received from Councillor Crumpton on 13th January 2009, in the following terms:

“This Council is deeply concerned that it has had no voice in the secondary education of children within the Borough.

The Council notes

- The recent decision taken by the Cabinet to defer a bid for inclusion within the Building Schools for the Future programme.

- The recent decision taken by the Cabinet to bid for inclusion in the Academies programme.
- The financial offer made by Headteachers of all Secondary Schools in the Borough towards the costs associated with the Building Schools for the Future Programme.

The Council believes that, notwithstanding the fact that the Cabinet has acted within the Constitution, it should have had a full opportunity to debate this exceedingly important matter prior to the decisions being taken.

This Council is also extremely concerned that consultation about the preferred site for the Academy replacing the Crestwood and Pensnett Schools has not been undertaken in any meaningful manner.

The Council is particularly concerned that the January meeting of the Brierley Hill Area Committee took no account of the views expressed by the majority of the public who attended when resolving that the Academy should be sited on the Crestwood site.

This Council now resolves

- 1 That residents should have a direct say in the future site of the Academy replacing Crestwood and Pensnett Secondary Schools. That this should be undertaken by a direct mailing to all residents within 1500 metres of the main entrance to each of those schools. The mailing should provide sufficient information for residents to make an informed decision and directly ask the question "Should the Academy be sited at the Crestwood School site or the Pensnett School site?"
- 2 That this consultation should take place immediately.
- 3 That the results of the consultation should be brought back to full Council (a special meeting if necessary) for decision and that the Secretary of State should be advised of the outcome."
8. TO CONSIDER THE ISSUE OF THE APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT MEMBER TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE
9. TO ANSWER QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 11.
10. TO CONSIDER ANY BUSINESS NOT ON THE AGENDA WHICH BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES THE MAYOR IS OF THE OPINION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AT THE MEETING AS A MATTER OF URGENCY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 100(B)(4) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972.