

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, 8th March, 2004 at 6.00 pm for the purpose of transacting the business set out in the agenda below.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

27th February 2004

A G E N D A

PRAYERS

1. MINUTES

TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 1ST MARCH 2004 (TO FOLLOW).

2. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT.

3. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE RECEIPT OF APOLOGIES.

4. TO CONSIDER THE MOTION OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE ON THE RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR WHITEHOUSE FROM MEMBERSHIP OF THE LABOUR GROUP.

5. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEETINGS AS FOLLOWS:

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| <u>From</u> | <u>To</u> |

- (a) Meeting of the Executive held on 11th February 2004:

Councillor Caunt to move:

- (i) Capital Programme Monitoring for Capital Programme 2004/05

(ii) Code of Corporative Governance

(iii) Dudley Coronerships

Councillor Evans to move:

(iv) Deployment of Resources in Housing
Revenue Account and Public Sector
Housing Capital

(b) Special meeting of the Audit Committee held
on 9th February 2004:

Councillor J R Davies to move:

Treasury Management

6. NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) To consider further the following Notice of Motion received from Councillor Burt on 22nd September 2003 which was seconded by Councillor Sheppard at the meeting of the Council held on 19th January, 2004, together with the amendment thereto moved by Councillor Fraser-Macnamara and seconded by Councillor Sparks at that meeting of the Council, and which were partly debated at the meeting but not disposed of:

Motion

The present method of funding local government services does not give adequate levels of grant to Dudley MBC. The present system also exaggerates the impact of grant shortfall on Council Tax payers who have to make up the difference. A 1% shortfall in Government grant requires on average a 4% increase in Council Tax or equivalent cuts in services. In order to be fairer to Council Tax payers Dudley Council calls on the Government:

1. To change the balance of funding with a new system for funding local services so that shortfall in central Government grant does not result in disproportionate rises in local Council Tax.
2. To replace Council Tax with a fair tax related to the ability to pay.

Amendment

It was moved as an amendment by Councillor Fraser-Macnamara and seconded by Councillor Sparks:

That the motion be amended by the deletion of the words "2. To replace Council Tax with a fair tax related to the ability to pay".

7. TO ANSWER QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 11.
8. 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.