

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, 2nd December, 2013 at 6.00 pm for the purpose of transacting the business set out in the numbered agenda items listed below.



DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE RESOURCES

22nd November, 2013

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 7th October, 2013 (Pages CI/22 - CI/29)

4. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS
5. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEETINGS AS FOLLOWS:

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Meeting of the Cabinet held on 30th October, 2013

Councillor Sparks to move:

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| (a) Capital Programme Monitoring | 1 | 4 |
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Councillor Lowe to move:

(b) Revenue Budget Strategy 2014/15	5	8
(c) Localised Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2014/15	9	15

Councillor Partridge to move:

(d) Annual Review of the Constitution	16	32
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6. NOTICE OF MOTION

To consider the following notice of motion received from Councillor Lowe on 28th October, 2013:

“ Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council recognises the important contribution of Fairtrade to the well being of producers in the developing world.

The Council welcomes the support of local shops and shoppers, catering outlets, schools, churches and other organisations in Dudley and in the wider UK for Fairtrade. This support is demonstrated in the ongoing rise of Fairtrade sales in the UK: in 2012 sales reached £1.57 billion.

This Council recognises that as an important consumer itself and opinion leader it should support a strategy to facilitate the promotion and purchase of foods with the FAIRTRADE Mark within the Borough as part of its commitment to pursue sustainable development and to give marginalised producers a fair deal.

The Council welcomes the fact that it passed a resolution in July 2007 in support of Fairtrade enabling Stourbridge to meet Goal One of the Fairtrade Town criteria and to achieve Fairtrade Town Status in September 2010. The Council also welcomes the fact that since 2010 there has been increasing active mutual support between the members and staff of Dudley Council and supporters of Fairtrade in Dudley Borough. For instance, the Council installed signs in Stourbridge Town Centre in 2013 marking its status as a Fairtrade Town.

The proposal of this further resolution aims to consolidate the commitment made by this Council in 2007 and to build on it for the future. Supporting Fairtrade can promote civic pride, benefit the local community and makes a real difference to the lives of producers.

This Council aims to be recognised by the residents and business community of Dudley Borough, suppliers, employees and other local authorities, as a Borough that actively supports and promotes Fairtrade and helps to increase the sale of products with the FAIRTRADE Mark.

The Council resolves to contribute to the campaign to increase sales of products with the FAIRTRADE Mark by striving to achieve Fairtrade status for Dudley Metropolitan Borough as detailed in the Fairtrade Foundation's Fairtrade Towns Initiative.

The Initiative involves a commitment to:

- Widely offer FAIRTRADE Marked food and drink options internally and make them available for internal meetings and to extend the range of Fairtrade products used.
- Promote the FAIRTRADE Mark using Fairtrade Foundation materials in refreshment areas and promoting the Fairtrade Towns initiative in internal communications and external newsletters and in the local press when appropriate.
- Use influence to urge local retailers to provide Fairtrade options for residents.
- Use influence to urge local business to offer Fairtrade options to their staff and promote the FAIRTRADE Mark internally.
- Allow the Council's Communication Team to publicise the Fairtrade Towns initiative during Fairtrade Fortnight and on other appropriate occasions using internal and external media.
- Organise events, displays and publicity during national Fairtrade Fortnight - the annual national campaign to promote sales of products with the FAIRTRADE Mark. This can include the encouragement of local schools to promote Fairtrade through competitions, events and displays as encouraged in Fairtrade Fortnight 2013 by Dudley Performing Arts.
- Promote Fairtrade on the Council's website.
- Encourage other towns in Dudley Borough to work towards Fairtrade Town Status.
- Allocate responsibility for progression of the Fairtrade Town initiative to a member or group of staff."

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