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5<sup>th</sup> September, 2012

Dear Member

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**THURSDAY, 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2012 AT 6.00PM**

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee to be held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2012 at 6.00 pm in Committee Room 2 at the Council House, Dudley, to consider the business set out in the Agenda below.

The agenda and reports for this meeting can be viewed on the Council's internet site [www.dudley.gov.uk](http://www.dudley.gov.uk) and follow the links to Meetings and Decisions.

Yours sincerely



Director of Corporate Resources

**A G E N D A**

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence from the meeting.

2. SUBSITUTE MEMBERS

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

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations of interest in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct.

4. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record and sign the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2012 (copy attached).

5. ELECTIVE HOME EDUCATION REPORT FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2011/2012 (PAGES 1 - 11)

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

6. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DUDLEY LOCAL AUTHORITY ADOPTION SERVICE 2011/12 (PAGES 12 - 34)

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

7. FOSTERING SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT (PAGES 35 - 50)

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

8. ACTION PLANS IN RESPONSE TO OfSTED INSPECTION OF SAFEGUARDING AND LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN (PAGES 51 - 54)

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

9. 'TROUBLED FAMILIES' IN DUDLEY (PAGES 55 – 59)

To consider a report of the Director of Children's Services and the Lead Officer

10. YOUTH OFFENDING SERVICE INSPECTION

The Director of Children's Services to give an oral update to the Committee

11. TO ANSWER QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 11.8 (IF ANY) AND QUESTIONS ON THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ITEMS AVAILABLE ON THE COMMITTEE MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (CMIS).

## Information Items

- (a) Responses to Questions from the Previous Meeting.
- (b) The Academies Programme in Dudley.
- (c) Quarterly Corporate Performance Management Report and Contextual Information.
- (d) Draft Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

Members are asked to email [steve.griffiths@dudley.gov.uk](mailto:steve.griffiths@dudley.gov.uk) (at least three working days before the meeting) with details of any questions they wish to raise on the information items.

This will enable responses to questions to be circulated prior to the meeting.

Questions on information items raised at the meeting will receive a written response following the meeting.

To: All Members of the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee:

Councillor S Turner (Chair)

Councillor Boleyn (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Arshad, Attwood, Mrs Billingham, Bills, Casey, J Jones, Marrey, Mrs Simms and Mrs Walker.

Mrs Ward, Reverend Wickens; Mr Songole, Mr Tinsley; Mrs Verdegem; Mr Taylor; Mrs Coulter, Mr Ridney

cc: Councillor Crumpton (Cabinet Member for Children's Services)