

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, 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2007 at 6.00 pm for the purpose of transacting the business set out in the agenda below.

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DIRECTOR OF LAW AND PROPERTY

6<sup>th</sup> July, 2007

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 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2007 (PAGES CL/1 - CL/11).
4. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.
5. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEETINGS AS FOLLOWS:

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Meeting of the Cabinet held on 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2007.

Councillor Caunt to move:

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| (a) | Best Value Performance Plan 2007. | 1 | 2  |
| (b) | Capital Programme Monitoring.     | 3 | 10 |

Councillor Evans to move:

(c) Housing Strategy 2007 – 2010. 11 14

6. NOTICE OF MOTION:-

- (a) To consider further the following notice of motion, received from Councillor Lowe on 30th March, 2007, in the terms below, which was debated in part but not dispensed with at the meeting of the Council held on 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2007:-

“This Council notes that the Fairtrade Foundation, established in the UK in 1992, seeks to achieve the following:

- To alleviate poverty in developing countries by encouraging industry and consumers in the UK to support fair-trade.
- Through the Fairtrade Mark to guarantee standards for prices and working conditions for Third World producers and growers of products bearing the Mark.

This Council welcomes the initiatives by the Stourbridge Fairtrade Town Status Steering Group and by other groups in Dudley Metropolitan Borough to encourage the sale and use of Fairtrade goods. The increased sale of such goods in the UK directly reduces poverty and supports sustainable community development in the Third World.

There are now over 250 Fairtrade Towns, Cities, Boroughs and Villages in the UK. This Council understands that one of the requirements for Stourbridge and other towns to achieve Fairtrade Town Status is that a resolution must be passed by Dudley MBC in support of Fairtrade and with a commitment to offering Fairtrade tea and coffee at meetings, in its offices, and canteens.

Dudley Council, as an important consumer and opinion leader, should research, develop, and support a strategy, to facilitate the promotion and purchase of foods with the Fairtrade mark, as part of its commitment to promote and support sustainable development and give producers a fair deal.

Accordingly, this Council resolves to establish a working party with two members from each Group. The working party will consult interested community groups, working with designated council officers to:

- Develop activities by Dudley Borough Council supportive of Fairtrade.
- Present recommendations to the Cabinet for passing a

supportive Fairtrade Resolution thereby facilitating Stourbridge and other towns in the Borough to seek to achieve Fairtrade Town Status during the 2007/8 Council year.”

7. TO CONSIDER THE ANNUAL REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES, AS FOLLOWS:-

Councillor Nottingham to move:-

- (a) Annual Report of the Select Committee on Children’s Services (Pages 15 – 19)

Councillor A. Turner to move:-

- (b) Annual Report of the Select Committee on Community Safety and Community Services (Pages 20 – 29)

Councillor C. Wilson to move:-

- (c) Annual Report of the Select Committee on Regeneration, Culture and Adult Education (Pages 30 – 33)

8. REVISED CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS (PAGES 34 - 48)

To consider the report of the Standards Committee.

9. TREASURY MANAGEMENT (PAGES 49 - 59).

To consider the report of the Audit Committee.

10. TO ANSWER QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 11.

11. 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.