



4. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2008 (copy herewith)

5. PUBLIC FORUM

To receive questions from members of the public.

6. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DIRECTORATE EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ANNUAL REPORT 2007/08 (PAGES 1 - 18)

To consider a report of the Chief Executive

7. DIRECTORATE OF THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT'S EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ANNUAL REPORT 2007/08 (PAGES 19 – 30)

To consider a report of the Director of the Urban Environment.

8. QUARTERLY CORPORATE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT (PAGES 31 – 32)

To consider a report of the Lead Officer to the Committee

9. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE (PAGES 33 – 37)

To consider a report of the Lead Officer to the Committee

10. WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2008/09 (PAGES 38 – 40)

To consider a report of the Lead Officer to the Committee

11. THE LEASOWES RESTORATION (PAGES 41 - 47)

To consider a report of the Director of Law and Property

12. TO ANSWER QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 11.8 (IF ANY)

13. NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCIL 21<sup>ST</sup> April,2008

The Council approved the following amended motion :-

“This Council welcomes the announcement by the Secretary of State for Innovation, Universities and Skills to develop twenty new universities or university campuses over the next six years, providing places for up to 10,000 students.

The Council notes that the government's objective is to increase rates of participation in higher education so that 50% of young people attend university and to use the new universities to contribute towards wider plans for regeneration.

This Council believes that Dudley would be an ideal location for such a project because driving up skills, ambition and aspiration is the key to tackling the area's problems of low skills, low staying on rates, low level of participation in higher education, all of which must be tackled if we are to secure the borough's prosperity in the future. A new university campus would also bring new high-skill jobs to the borough and make a massive contribution towards the council's plans for regeneration.

This Council resolves to place this development on the work programme for the Select Committee on Regeneration, Culture and Adult Education in the coming Municipal Year."

Councillors

Barlow, D. Blood , G.H Davies, Lowe, Mottram, Perry, Roberts, Stanley, Vickers,  
C. Wilson and Woodall