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**Please Ask For:**  
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20<sup>th</sup> September 2007

Dear Member

**Dudley Schools Forum**

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Dudley Schools Forum, which will be held at Saltwells EDC, Bowling Green Road, Netherton, Dudley on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2007, at 6.00 p.m. The Agenda is attached.

A light buffet will be available in the meeting room from 5.30 p.m. onwards.

Yours sincerely,



**Democratic Services Officer**

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To: - All Members of the Dudley Schools Forum:

Mr Bell, Mrs Blunt, Mr Conway, Ms Cosgrove, Mrs Elwiss, Mr Francis, Ms Griffiths, Mr Harrington, Mr Hatton, Mrs Hazlehurst, Mr Ingram, Mr James, Mrs Jessup, Mr Leyshon, Mr Lloyd, Mr Millman, Mr Mountney, Mrs O'Neill, Mr Patterson, Councillor Nottingham, Mr Rhind-Tutt, Mr Ridley, Mr Sorrell, Mr Timmins, Councillor Mrs Walker, Mr Warner, Mr Wassall.

c.c. Assistant Director of Children's Services (Mr Watson), Mr Thompson (Directorate of Children's Services), Children's Services Finance Manager (Mrs Cocker) and Principal Accountant (Mrs Coates) – Directorate of Finance, ICT & Procurement.

# AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence from the meeting.

2. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Forum held on 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2007 (copy attached).

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

To consider any matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting of the Forum held on 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2007.

4. SCHOOL, EARLY YEARS AND 14-16 FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS – 2008-11 (PAGES 1 – 42)

To discuss – KC

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

5. DEPRIVATION FUNDING REVIEW – UPDATE (PAGES 43 – 49)

To discuss – KC

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

6. FORTHCOMING DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT (DSG) FORMULA REVIEW AND REVIEW OF SCHOOLS FORUMS (PAGES 50 – 61)

To discuss – SC

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

7. CLOSURE OF CRADLEY HIGH SCHOOL – UPDATE (PAGES 62 – 64)

To note – SC

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

8. SCHOOLS RESERVES – UPDATE (PAGES 65 – 68)

To note – KC

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

9. SCHOOL CATERING (PAGES 69 – 74)

To note – RW

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

10. DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT (DSG) FINANCIAL MONITORING – SCHOOLS BUDGET 2007/08 (PAGES 75 – 77)

To note – KC

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

11. DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT (DSG) BUDGET PLANNING 2008 – 2011 (PAGES 78 – 80)

To note – KC

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

12. LEA BENCHMARKING TABLES 2007 – 2008 (PAGES 81 – 93)

To note – SC

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

13. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT STANDARD (PAGES 94 – 96)

To note – RW

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

14. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

To note the following schedule of meetings for the 2007/08 municipal year: -

- Tuesday 11th December 2007
- Tuesday 5th February 2008
- Tuesday 18th March 2008
- Tuesday 20th May 2008
- Tuesday 8th July 2008