

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 July, 2003, at 6.00 p.m. for the purpose of transacting the business set out in the agenda below.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

7th July, 2003

AGENDA

PRAYERS

1. MINUTES

TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 15TH MAY, 2003 (PAGES CL/1 – CL/19)

2. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT.

3. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE RECEIPT OF APOLOGIES

4. TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE ON CASTLE HILL, DUDLEY (PAGES - -)

5. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

To consider the adoption of the following resolution:-

That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A of that Act, in particular that paragraph of Part 1 of that Schedule indicated below:-

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Description of Item</u>	<u>Relevant Paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A</u>
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6.	Report of the Select Committee on Economic Vitality and Jobs on the decision of the Executive relating to the Senior Officers' Salary Review	1
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6. TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC VITALITY AND JOBS ON THE DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE RELATING TO THE SENIOR OFFICERS' SALARY REVIEWS (CIRCULATED SEPARATELY)

7. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEETINGS AS FOLLOWS:-

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From To

Meetings of the Executive held on 4th June and 9th July, 2003

Councillor Caunt to move:

- (a) Capital Programme Monitoring
- (b) Members' Allowances
- (c) Appointment of Council representatives to Outside Bodies

Councillor Powell to move:

- (d) Financial Strategy and Revenue Budget Monitoring

(e) Revenue and Capital Outturn 2002/03

Councillor Miller to move:

- (f) Scrutiny and the Select Committee on Good Health

- (g) Dudley South Primary Care Trust: Local Improvement Financial Trust

Councillor Mrs. Shakespeare to move:

- (h) Food Service Plan 2003/04

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

- (a) To consider the following Notice of Motion, received from Councillor Sheppard on 5th June, 2003.

This Council recognises that

- Genetic modification of crop plants is a relatively new branch of science and technology;
- That there is still scientific debate about the safety of GM crops;
- That the commercial growing of GM crops presents legal, economic, social and ethical problems that have not yet been properly addressed:

The Council therefore declares that Dudley MBC will, so far as is possible, be kept free of GM crops and GM food and feed.

The Council therefore commits:

- To ensuring that no GM crops are grown on land over which it has control;
- To adopting a GM-free policy for all goods and services for which the Council is directly responsible;
- To declaring Dudley MBC to be a GM Free Area;
- To considering each prospective GMO Marketing Consent and, where appropriate, writing to both the Secretary of State for Environment Food and Rural Affairs and to the European Commission requesting that a condition under Article 19(3)(c) be added to such marketing consent so as to exempt Dudley MBC from the scope of such consent.

- (b) To consider the following Notice of Motion received from Councillor Caunt on 8th June, 2003.

This Council believes that the predicted Council Tax rise, for the financial year 2004/05, in excess of 9% is excessive and unacceptable and instructs the Executive and Lead Members to take appropriate action to reduce this excessive increase.

TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING SELECT COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- (a) Select Committee on Culture and Recreation (Pages -)

(b) Select Committee on Lifelong Learning (Pages -)

10. TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE ON THE BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN (PAGES -)
11. TO ANSWER QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 11
12. 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

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