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AGENDA ITEM NO 11

DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**MEETING OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC REGENERATION –
12TH JANUARY 2005**

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT

**THE REVISED DEPOSIT UNITARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN – PROGRESS TO
DATE**

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To inform Members of the progress of the review of the Unitary Development Plan (UDP) for the Borough.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The current UDP for the Borough was adopted in November 1993. The Revised Deposit UDP was approved for publication at the Full Council meeting held on 21st January 2002. Prior to commencement of the Public Local Inquiry two sets of Pre-Inquiry Changes to the Plan were approved for publication. The first set of Pre-Inquiry Changes were approved by Full Council on 7th October 2002. The second set were approved by the Executive on 28th November 2002 under delegated authority given by Full Council on 18th November 2002.

The Public Local Inquiry into the objections/representations to the Revised Deposit Unitary Development Plan for Dudley MBC was held from 17th December 2002 to 12th June 2003.

- 2.2 The Inspector's report, detailing recommendations on the objections/representations made in relation to specific policies contained in the Plan, was received by the Council in January 2004. A report setting out the Inspector's recommendations and Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council's response to the recommendations was approved by the Executive Committee on the 17th March. The Inspector's Report and the Council's response were published in late March.
- 2.3 The Proposed Modifications to the Plan, taking account the Inspector's recommendations, were put on deposit for Public Consultation between 22nd October and 3rd December 2004. Officers are currently considering objections received during that consultation period. Further reports will be prepared in early 2005 which will seek approval to the Council's responses to objections received to the Proposed Modifications. Plan adoption is anticipated for mid 2005.

3.0 PROPOSAL

3.1 Members are asked to note the content of the report.

4.0 FINANCE

4.1 The costs of preparing the Revised Deposit Plan are met from budgets specifically identified for that purpose.

5.0 LAW

5.1 The review of the UDP is being prepared under Part 2 of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1990.

6.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

6.1 The preparation of the UDP has been undertaken in full accordance with the Council's equal opportunities policy and part 1 of the UDP emphasises the priority attached to this in formulating the policies.

7.0 RECOMMENDATION

7.1 It is recommended that the content of the report are noted.



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Background Papers:-

Proposed Modifications to The Dudley Unitary Development Plan, September 2004

Inspectors Report into the Revised Deposit Unitary Development Plan

Second Set of Pre-Inquiry Changes November 2002

First Set of Pre-Inquiry Changes October 2002

Revised Deposit Unitary Development Plan