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**Please Ask For:**  
Mr R Jewkes

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24<sup>th</sup> January 2008

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 5<sup>th</sup> February 2008, 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 Hudson, Mr Ingram, Mr James, Mrs Jessup, Mr Leyshon, Mr Lloyd, Mr Millman, Mr Mountney, Mr Patterson, Councillor Nottingham, Mr Ridley, Mr Robertson, Mr Sorrell, Mr Temple, Mr Timmins, Councillor Mrs Walker, Mr Warner, Mr Wassall.

c.c. Director of Children's Services, 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 11<sup>th</sup> December, 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 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2007.

4. COMMON ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK (CAF) – UPDATE (TO FOLLOW)

Discussion and decision – CP/RW

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

5. SCHOOL FUNDING SETTLEMENT 2008-11 (PAGES 1 – 5)

Discussion and decision – KC

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

6. UPDATE ON EARLY YEARS REFERENCE GROUP (PAGES 6 – 29)

To note – SC

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

7. CLOSURE OF CRADLEY HIGH SCHOOL– UPDATE (PAGES 30 – 33)

To note – SC

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

8. DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT (DSG) FINANCIAL MONITORING – SCHOOLS BUDGET 2007/08 (PAGES 34 – 37)

To note – KC

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

9. ASTLEY BURF OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE (PAGES 38 – 40)

Discussion and decision – RW

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

10. DUDLEY'S SCHEME OF FINANCING SCHOOLS – CONSULTATION  
(PAGES 41 – 44)

To note – KC

11. SCHOOLS FORUMS (ENGLAND) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS  
2008 (PAGES 45 – 52)

To note – KC

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

12. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

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

- Tuesday 18th March 2008
- Tuesday 20th May 2008
- Tuesday 8th July 2008