

DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

CENTRAL DUDLEY AREA COMMITTEE – 4TH NOVEMBER 2004

REPORT OF THE AREA LIAISON OFFICER

RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To inform the Committee of the written responses made to questions asked at previous meetings.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the meetings of this Committee held on 7th July 2004 it was indicated that written replies would be sent to the questioners concerned. The responses are as indicated.
- 2.2 In response to comments by a member of the public regarding the current state of the Council Pension Fund, the Director of Finance has written to the questioner advising that articles in the local press had been selectively reported. A full explanation of how Local Government Pension Schemes worked and were funded was provided. The Fund was scheduled to be reviewed in April 2005.
- 2.3 In response to concerns expressed by the Committee and Members of the Public regarding the proposed Post Office Closures, the Area Liaison Officer referred all the comments made to the Post Office Consultation Team, who acknowledged all the comments made, and which would receive consideration prior to any final decision on the proposed closures being made.

3.0 PROPOSAL

- 3.1 That the Committee notes the contents of this report.

4.0 FINANCE

- 4.1 There are no direct financial consequences arising from this report.

5.0 LAW

5.1 Section 111 of the Local Government Act, 1972 enables the Council to do anything that is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of its functions.

6.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

6.1 The report takes into account the Council's Equal Opportunities Policy.

7.0 RECOMMENDATION

7.1 The Committee is recommended to note the contents of this report.

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