

**North Dudley Area Committee – 24th June, 2009**

**Report of the Area Liaison Officer**

**Appointment of Co-opted Members**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To consider the co-option of persons to serve as co-opted members of the Committee for the 2009/10 Municipal Year.

**Background**

2. The protocols for Area Committees permit Area Committees to co-opt up to five persons onto the Committee for the period expiring with the conclusion of a Municipal Year. Co-opted members are entitled to speak at meetings but not to vote.
3. The protocol requires that the Committee, in appointing co-opted members, has due regard to the extent to which persons to be co-opted represent interests of importance within the communities served by the Area Committee. There is a further requirement that co-optees shall not represent the views of any political party on the Area Committee.
4. The Cabinet, in March 2006, resolved to suggest to Area Committees that one of the five co-opted places on the Committee be reserved for a representative of young people.
5. Mr J Millward was appointed by the Committee, as a co-opted member, to represent young people in June 2008 for the municipal year 2008/9.
6. At the meeting of the Committee on 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2008 Mr Millward advised that he would welcome additional support, particularly to represent him at meetings, when study leave would prevent him from attending. Ms Georgina Heeley, a representative of the Dudley Youth Council has indicated that she would be willing to offer support to Mr Millward, including attendance at meetings.
7. The Committee is now requested to consider the co-option of members for the 2009/10 Municipal Year.

## **Finance**

8. Co-opted members are entitled to receive travelling and subsistence allowances in accordance with Section 174 of the Local Government Act, 1972 and a Financial Loss Allowance in accordance with Section 173(4) of that Act.

## **Law**

9. Section 102(3) of the Local Government Act, 1972, provides for a Committee of the Council to include persons who are not members of the Council.

## **Equality Impact**

10. This report complies fully with the Council's policy on equality and diversity. The views of young people are represented through the appointment of one of the co-opted members.

## **Recommendations**

11. The Committee is requested to determine the co-opted members for the 2009/10 Municipal Year.



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## **List of Background Papers**

The Council's Constitution.