

**Brierley Hill Area Committee – 2nd July, 2009**

**Appointment of Working Groups**

**Report of the Area Liaison Officer**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To consider the re-appointment of the Capital Allocations working group for the 2009/10 municipal year.
2. To consider the appointment of a joint Community Renewal and Young People's working group.

**Background**

3. In the last municipal year the Committee appointed the Brierley Hill Area Committee Capital Allocations Working Group. Details of previous Membership and Terms of Reference of the Working Group are given below:-

**Previous Membership**

Previous membership of the Working Group consisted of Councillors D Blood, Ms Foster, Mrs Greenaway, Southall, Tyler and Mrs Wilson.

**Terms of Reference**

The terms of reference of the Committee provide for the Committee to determine proposals for the deployment of the delegated capital budget allocations.

4. The Brierley Hill Community Renewal Working Group was appointed in the municipal year 2008/09 to engage with the further development of the draft local community renewal plan supported by the Area Community Renewal Officer and Head of Community Renewal Service. Details of previous Membership and Terms of Reference of the Working Group are given below:-

**Previous Membership**

Previous membership of the Working Group consisted of Councillors D Blood, Foster, Mrs Greenaway, Mrs D Harley, Islam, Southall and

Tyler.

### **Terms of Reference**

The terms of reference of the Working Group were agreed as follows:-

- To receive regular progress reports from the Community Renewal Service regarding the work of the Community Renewal Steering Group and ensure appropriate linkage.
  - To ensure involvement of partners who are active within the Area Committee area, and the provision of assistance to the Area Committee by others concerned with the local area in considering the Community Renewal Plan;
  - To produce a draft Area Committee Community Renewal Plan, which will take into account and cohere with the overall Council Plan and Dudley Community Plan, for consideration of the Working Group;
  - To bring a final Plan to the Area Committee within the course of the municipal year;
5. In the last municipal year the Committee also appointed the Brierley Hill Area Committee – Young People’s Working Group. Details of previous Membership and Terms of Reference of the Working Group are given below:-

### **Previous Membership**

Previous membership of the Working Group consisted of Councillors D Blood, Mrs Blood, Ms Boleyn, Mrs Harley, P Harley, Ms Harris and Mrs Jordan together with Mr D Horrocks, the co-opted youth representative.

### **Terms of Reference**

The terms of reference of the Working Group were primarily agreed to consult on proposals for skate park provision in the Brierley Hill Area Committee Area, and to consult with young people relating to their issues and share their views. At the meeting of the Working Group in November, 2008 it was agreed that issues of teenage pregnancy, drug related problems and young people’s debt should be discussed at future meetings, and that other agencies should be requested to attend future meetings as and when required.

### **Finance**

6. Any costs arising from the appointment of working groups will be met from existing resources.

### **Law**

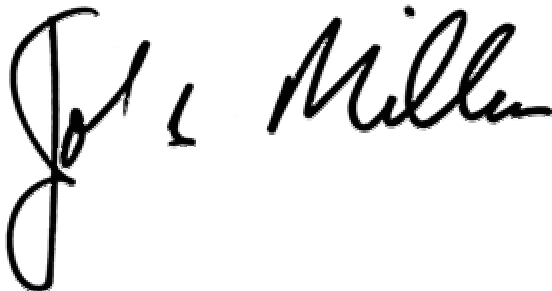
7. Since Working Groups do not have the status of formal Committees, the rules of proportionality which relate to seats on Committees under Section 18 of the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations, 1990 are not applicable.

### **Equality Impact**

8. This report complies fully with the Council's policy on equality and diversity.

### **Recommendation**

9. That the Committee consider the re-appointment of the Capital Allocations working group for 2009/10, and determine their composition and membership.
10. That the Committee approves the recommendation to amalgamate the Community Renewal and Young People's Working Groups and determines the composition and membership of the joint working group.
11. That the appropriate Lead Officer for individual Working Groups that are appointed/re-appointed be requested to submit regular written reports to the Committee.

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**AREA LIAISON OFFICER**

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## **Background Papers**

1. The Council's Constitution.
2. Brierley Hill Area Committee Minutes – 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2008.
3. Brierley Hill Area Committee – Young People's Working Group Minutes – 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2008.