

**Central Dudley Area Committee - 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2009**

**Co-option**

**Report of the Area Liaison Officer**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To consider the co-option of youth representatives to the Committee.

**Background**

2. In considering the issue of co-option of members for 2009-10, the Committee, at its last meeting, resolved to request the Head of Youth Service to seek a nominee to serve as Youth Representative.
3. Two young people based at the Cloughton Youth Centre, Rhiannon Hutton and Danny Robinson, have expressed interest in serving and would prefer to serve jointly. The Chairman and Vice Chairman have indicated their agreement to their appointment being made on this basis.
4. The Chairman and Vice Chairman have also suggested that mentoring by a member(s) be offered to the youth representatives, in order to introduce them to the Council and Committee machinery. Two members so far have indicated that they would be happy to act as mentors, should the youth representatives wish to take up the offer.

**Finance**

5. 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**

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

**Equality Impact**

7. This report enables the Committee to consider the appointments of co-opted members in order to assist in making meetings more representative for the local community. The co-option of youth representatives will assist in ensuring that young people are actively involved in developing and improving services in the Central Dudley area.

### **Recommendations**

7. That the Committee consider the co-option of youth representatives for the 2009/10 municipal year.



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### **List of Background Papers**

Minute 7 of the meeting of the Central Dudley Area Committee held on the 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2009