

## BRIERLEY HILL AREA COMMITTEE - 6TH JULY, 2006

### **CO-OPTED MEMBERS**

### REPORT OF THE AREA LIAISON OFFICER

# **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To consider the co-option of persons to serve as co-opted members of the Committee for the 2006/07 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 Committee is now requested to consider the co-option of members for the 2006/07 municipal year.
- 5 The Council, at its meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2006, resolved to suggest to all Area Committees, that a representative of the "young people" be co-opted to the Committee.

# **FINANCE**

6. 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**

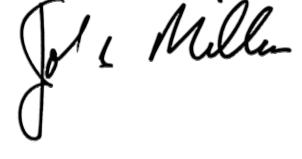
7. Section 102 (3) of the Local Government Act, 1972, provides for a Committee of the Council to include persons who are not members of the Council.

# **EQUALITY IMPACT**

8. This report enables the Area Committee to consider the appointment of local co-opted members in order to assist in making meetings more representative of the local community.

# **RECOMMENDATION**

9. That the Committee determines the co-opted members to serve for the 2006/07 municipal year.



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#### **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

1 The Council's Constitution