
Central Dudley Area Committee – 9th June, 2009

Appointment Of Working Groups

Report Of The Area Liaison Officer

Purpose

1. To consider the appointment of Working Groups of the Committee for the 2009/10 Municipal Year.

Background

2. In the last municipal year the Committee appointed the following Working Group:

Capital Allocations Working Group
Community Renewal Working Group
Traffic Management in Netherton Working Group

3. The Capital Allocations Working Group has been in existence since 2000 and its principal role has been to consider all applications for funding from the Committee's Capital Allocations budget and make recommendations to the full Committee for consideration and determination. The composition of the Capital Allocations Working Group has traditionally been the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and one Member from each of the Wards, making a total of seven Members. The Vice-Chairman may also act as the representative of his or her Ward, provided that all five Wards are represented on the Group. In this scenario the Group would consist of six Members.

The members for 2008/09 comprised Councillor J R Davies (Chairman), Ahmed, Mrs Aston, Cotterill, J Martin and Waltho.

4. The composition and membership of the Community Renewal and Traffic Management in Netherton Working Groups was as follows:

Community Renewal Working Group – One member from each of the wards in the area of the Central Dudley Area Committee, plus Councillors J.D. Davies and Davis. Members – Councillors J R Davies (St Thomas' ward), J Finch (Castle and Priory), J Martin (Netherton, Woodside and St Andrew's), Mrs Roberts (St James'), Ms While-Cooper (Quarry Bank and Dudley Wood), J D Davies,

Davis.

Traffic Management in Netherton Working Group – the Chairman of the Committee and the members for the Netherton, Woodside and St Andrew's and Quarry Bank and Dudley Wood wards, Members - .
– Councillors J R Davies and Mrs Coulter, J D Davies and J Martin (Netherton, Woodside and St Andrew's), Cotterill, Sparks and While-Cooper (Quarry Bank and Dudley Wood).

5. The terms of reference of the Capital Allocations and Community Renewal Working Groups are attached. The Traffic Management in Netherton Working group was set up with a remit to look at traffic regulation issues relating to the central Netherton area and to report to the Area Committee.

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 policies on equality and diversity.

Recommendation

9. That the Committee determine the Working Groups to be appointed in 2009/10 and their composition and membership.



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Background Papers

The Council's Constitution.