

**Central Dudley Area Committee – 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2011**

**Report of the Area Liaison Officer**

**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 2011/2012 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 that it be suggested to Area Committees that one of their vacancies for a co-opted member be reserved for a representative of young people. The Committee concurred with this suggestion and have since appointed a representative of the Central Dudley Youth Forum as a co-opted member.
5. The following persons were appointed as co-opted members of the Committee in the 2010/2011 Municipal Year, representing the organisations indicated. These members have been asked if they wish to continue to serve and responses received to date are as follows:

Ms. G. Lawley - Dudley Association of Governing Bodies (wishes to continue)  
Mrs. V. Little - Dudley Primary Care Trust (wishes to continue)  
Ms. J. Oakes - Dudley Town Centre Forum (wishes to continue)  
Mr. M. Sadiq - Dudley Centre for Equality and Diversity  
Mr. C. Robinson & Mr. M. Thomas - Central Area Youth Forum (serve jointly)

Any further responses received will be reported orally at the meeting of the Committee.

6. The Committee is now requested to consider the co-option of members for the 2011/2012 Municipal Year.

### **Finance**

7. 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**

8. 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**

9. 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.

### **Recommendations**

10. The Committee is requested to determine the co-opted members for the 2011/2012 Municipal Year.



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### **List of Background Papers**

The Council's Constitution.