

**Central Dudley Area Committee – 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2010**

**Appointment of Working Groups**

**Report of The Area Liaison Officer**

**Purpose**

1. To consider the appointment of Working Groups of the Committee for the 2010/11 Municipal Year.

**Background**

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

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, Councillor M Davis and one Member from each of the Wards, making a total of eight 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 event the Group would consist of seven Members.

The members for 2009/10 comprised Councillor J R Davies (Chairman), Ahmed, Mrs Aston, Cotterill, M Davis, K Finch, 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 Mrs Aston (Castle and Priory), Mrs Coulter (Netherton, Woodside and St Andrew's), J R Davies (St Thomas' ward), 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. In reporting to the Committee on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2010, the work of the group was completed.
6. At the meeting of the Committee held on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2010, it was suggested that a Working Group be set up to look at traffic regulation issues in the Russells Hall area. Should the Committee wish to do so, it is requested that the composition, membership and terms of reference of the Working Group be determined. The terms of reference for the Russell's Hall Traffic Working Group will be agreed at the inaugural meeting. However, the main purpose of the meeting will be to identify solutions to a number of long standing traffic issues associated with the Russell's Hall Estate.

### **Finance**

7. Any costs arising from the appointment of Working Groups will be met from existing resources.

### **Law**

8. 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**

9. This report complies fully with the Council's policies on equality and diversity.

### **Recommendation**

10. That the Committee determine the Working Groups to be appointed in 2010/11 and their composition and membership.



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**Background Papers**

The Council's Constitution.