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**Brierley Hill Area Committee – 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2008.**

**Co-opted Members**

**Report of the Area Liaison Officer**

**Purpose of Report**

- 1 To consider the appointment of persons to serve as co-opted members of the Committee for the 2008/09 municipal year.

**Background**

2. The protocols for Area Committees, re-affirmed by the Council at its meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2008, permit them to co-opt up to five persons onto the Committee for the period expiring with the conclusion of each municipal year. Co-opted members are entitled to speak at meetings but not vote.
3. The protocol also 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 2008/09 municipal year.

**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**

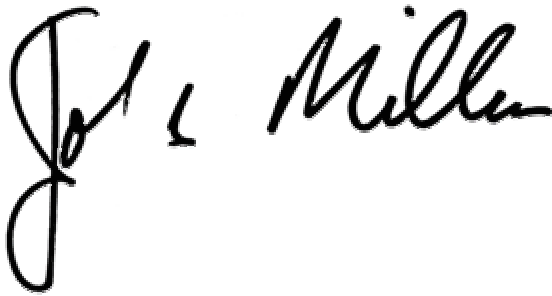
6. Section 102 (3) of the Local Government Act, 1972, enables the Committee to appoint co-opted members.

### **Equality Impact**

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

### **Recommendation**

8. That the Committee determines the co-opted members to serve for the 2008/09 municipal year.

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**AREA LIAISON OFFICER**

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### **Background Documents**

1. The Council's Constitution