

Stourbridge Area Committee - 28th June 2010

Report of the Director of Corporate Resources

Co-opted Members

Purpose of Report

1. To consider the appointment of co-opted members for 2010/2011.

Background

2. For 2009/2010 the Area Committee appointed the following co-opted members: -
 - Mr G Downing – Local Businesses
 - Ms P Shepherd – Local Tenants and Residents
 - Mr Hamza Mursaline– Young People (appointed on the 15th June 2009).
3. Mr G Downing and Ms P Shepherd have been asked if they wish to continue to serve and their responses will be reported to the meeting. The Youth Council have nominated two young persons, (Ryan Owen and Danika Grant) who have expressed interest in serving, indicating also that they would prefer to serve jointly as a co-opted member of the Committee.
4. Members are reminded that the Protocol for Area Committees permits the Area Committee to co-opt up to 5 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.
5. The Protocol requires that the committee, in appointing co-opted members, must have due regard to the extent to which persons to be co-opted represent interests of importance within the communities served by the committee. There is a further requirement that co-optees shall not represent the views of any political party on the committee. Furthermore, the committee has previously decided that co-optees must not be employed by the Council or be members of a political party.

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

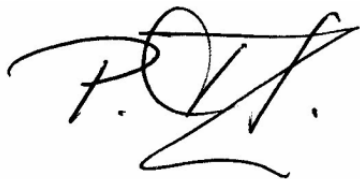
7. Section 102(3) of the Local Government Act 1972, enables the Committee to appoint co-opted members.

Equality Impact

8. This report complies fully with the Council's policies on equality and diversity. The views of young people are represented through the appointment of one of the co-opted members.

Recommendation

9. It is recommended that the Area Committee consider the appointment of co-opted members for 2010/2011.



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List of Background Papers

1. Correspondence with co-opted members.