

# Halesowen Area Committee – 4<sup>th</sup> July 2012

## Appointment of Working Groups

### Report of the Area Liaison Officer

#### **Purpose of Report**

1. To consider the appointment of Working Groups of the Committee for the 2012/13 Municipal Year.

#### Background

- 2. In the last Municipal Year, the Area Committee did not appoint any Working Groups.
- 3. However, it is suggested that the Area Committee should appoint a Halesowen Area Committee (Grant Allocations) Working Group for the ensuing Municipal Year to consider the allocation of grants to be spent on capital and/or revenue schemes and to make recommendations to the Area Committee.
- 4. It is suggested that the Working Group meets in advance of the Committee meeting and that the Group should comprise of one Member from each Ward and that the Chair and Vice-Chair be nominated to represent their Wards. Substantive Members can appoint substitutes if they are unable to attend.

#### Finance

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

#### Law

6. 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**

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

#### Recommendation

8. That the Committee considers the appointment of Working Groups for 2012/13 and determines the composition and membership.

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## List of Background Papers

None