

CENTRAL DUDLEY AREA COMMITTEE – 7TH JULY, 2004

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF LAW AND PROPERTY

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To consider the co-option of persons to serve as co-opted members of the Committee for the 2004/05 municipal year.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 The following persons were appointed as co-opted members of the Committee in the 2003/04 municipal year, representing the organisations indicated:

Mrs G Cooper – Dudley Council for Voluntary Service
Ms H Edwards – Dudley Association of Governing Bodies
Mr N Watson – Castle and Beacon Primary Care Trust
Mr M Sadiq – Dudley Race Equality Council
Ms J Oakes – Dudley Town Centre Forum

- 2.4 The Committee is now requested to consider the co-option of members for the 2004/05 municipal year.

3.0 PROPOSALS

- 3.1 That the Committee determines the co-opted members to serve for the 2004/05 municipal year.

4.0 FINANCE

- 4.1 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.

5.0 LAW

- 5.1 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.

6.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

- 6.1 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.

7.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 That the proposal set out in Section 3.1 above be considered.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 The Council's Constitution.

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