

STOURBRIDGE AREA COMMITTEE - 9TH JUNE 2003

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

REPORT OF THE AREA LIAISON OFFICER

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. To consider the co-option of Mr. Geoff Downing to represent Local Businesses.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. At its meeting on the 1st April 2003, the Area Committee was advised that the Stourbridge and District Chamber of Trade would be submitting a nomination to replace Colin James as a co-opted member for Local Businesses. The Chamber has now nominated Mr. Geoff Downing of Downing and Downing, 31/33 Market Street, Stourbridge. Mr. C. James.
- 2.2. The position with regard to a nominee to represent Ethnic Minorities is that the Dudley Racial Equality Council is still looking for a community representative but, if this does not prove possible, they are likely to nominate a representative from their organisation.

3. PROPOSAL

- 3.1. It is proposed that Mr. Geoff Downing be appointed as a co-opted member to represent Local Businesses for 2003/4.

4. 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. LAW

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

6. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

- 6.1. This report enables the Committee to consider the appointment of local co-opted members in order to assist in making meetings more representative of the local community.

7. **RECOMMENDATION**

- 7.1. It is recommended that Mr. Geoff Downing be appointed as a co-opted member to represent Local Businesses for 2003/4.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. E-mail dated the 2nd April 2003 from the Stourbridge and District Chamber of Trade.