Agenda Item No. 7



# Brierley Hill Area Committee – 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2010.

#### **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 2010/11 municipal year.

# **Background**

- 2. The protocols for Area Committees, re-affirmed by the Council at its meeting held on 20th May, 2010, 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. For the 2009/10 municipal year the Committee resolved not to appoint any co-opted members.
- 5. The Committee is now requested to consider the co-option of members for the 2010/11 municipal year.

#### **Finance**

 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.

# **Recommendation**

9. That the Committee determines the co-opted members to serve for the 2010/11 municipal year.

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#### **Background Documents**

1. The Council's Constitution