

Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council

North Dudley Area Committee – 24th June 2009

Report of the Area Liaison Officer

Appointment of Working Groups

Purpose

- 1 To consider the appointment of Working Groups of the Committee for the 2009/10 Municipal Year.

Background

- 2 In the last municipal year the Area Committee appointed the following Working Groups:

North Dudley Area Committee Capital Allocations Working Group.
North Dudley Area Committee Skate Park Working Group.
North Dudley Area Committee Community Renewal Working Group
- 3 The Capital Allocations Working Group has been in existence since 2000 and its principal role has been to consider all applications for funding from the Committee's Capital Allocations budget and make recommendations to the full Committee for consideration and determination. The composition of the Capital Allocations Working Group is the Chairman, Vice Chairman and one Member from each of the Wards. The Vice Chairman may also act as their Ward representative, as long as all Wards are represented on the Group.

All Members of the Committee may attend meetings should they so wish.
4. The Skatepark Working Group was set up to explore areas suitable for the erection of skatepark within the North Dudley Area. In 2005/2006 all Members of the Committee were nominated as members of the Working Group. In 2009/10, when teething problems with the Skatepark on Tenacre Field were resolved, the Working Group was disbanded.
5. The North Dudley Area Committee Community Renewal Working Group was established in 2008/09 to engage with the further development of the draft local community renewal plan supported by

the Area Community Renewal Officer and Head of Community Renewal Service. The Working Group comprised The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Councillors Perry, Mrs Ridney and Stanley.

Finance

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

Law

7. 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

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

Recommendation

9. It is recommended that the Area Committee consider the reappointment of its Working Groups for 2009/10 and determine their composition and membership.



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BACKGROUND PAPERS

The Council's Constitution.