

## **STOURBRIDGE AREA COMMITTEE – 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2003**

### **CO-OPTED MEMBER**

#### **REPORT OF THE AREA LIAISON OFFICER**

##### **1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To consider the co-option of Tom Chamberlain to represent young people.

##### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 Tom Chamberlain (who lives in Stourbridge) has been nominated to be co-opted to the Stourbridge Area Committee representing young people. Tom has also been elected to sit on the Dudley Youth Council and the UK Youth Parliament. Accordingly he regularly attends meetings and events locally and regionally to discuss issues which are important to young people. Through his work as a Connexions Young Leader in the Community he is also based with the Stourbridge Area Youth and Community Team and has a lot of contact with young people throughout the Stourbridge area.

- 2.2 In accordance with the requirements for co-option Tom has confirmed that he is not a member of a political party.

##### **3. PROPOSAL**

- 3.1 It is proposed that Tom Chamberlain be appointed as a co-opted member representing young people 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**

- 3.2 It is recommended that Tom Chamberlain be appointed as a co-opted member representing young people for 2003/4.

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**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1. Email dated the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2003 from the Dudley Youth and Community Team.