

Central Dudley Area Committee – 7th June, 2011

Appointment of Working Groups

Report of The Area Liaison Officer

Purpose

1. To consider the appointment of Working Groups of the Committee for the 2011/12 Municipal Year.

Background

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

Capital Allocations Working Group
Community Renewal Working Group
Russells Hall Traffic 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 has traditionally been the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Councillor M Davis and one Member from each of the Wards, making a total of eight Members. The Vice-Chairman may also act as the representative of his or her Ward, provided that all five Wards are represented on the Group. In this event the Group would consist of seven Members.

The members for 2010/11 comprised Councillors Ahmed (Chairman), Mrs Aston, Cotterill, J R Davies, M Davis, K Finch, J Martin and Roberts.

4. The Russells Hall Traffic Working group was set up with a remit to identify solutions to a number of long standing traffic issues associated with the Russell's Hall Estate area and to report to the Area Committee.

The composition of the Working Group comprised the Chairman of the Committee, the members for the St James's and Brockmoor and Pensnett wards and a Member from the Netherton, Woodside and St

Andrew's ward with the Members being Councillors Ahmed (Chairman) and Davis and Mrs Roberts (St James's ward), Mrs Greenaway, Ms Foster and Mrs Jordan (Brockmoor and Pensnett ward) and J Martin (Netherton, Woodside and St Andrew's ward).

5. Further to the reprovision for community renewal made in the budget, different arrangements for this activity are currently under consideration.

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. That the Committee determine the Working Groups to be appointed in 2011/12 and their composition and membership.



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Background Papers

The Council's Constitution.