

## **Stourbridge Area Committee - 15<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

### **Report of the Area Liaison Officer**

#### **Co-opted Members**

##### **Purpose of Report**

1. To consider the appointment of co-opted members for 2009/10.

##### **Background**

2. For 2008/9 the Area Committee appointed the following co-opted members: -
  - Mr G Downing – Local Businesses
  - Ms P Shepherd – Local Tenants and Residents
  - Ryan Nokes – Young People (appointed on the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2008).
3. Mr G Downing and Ms P Shepherd have both indicated their willingness to be co-opted Hamza Mursaline has been nominated by the Youth Council to represent young people as a co-opted member of the Committee. Hamza has indicated his willingness to accept the nomination.
4. Members are reminded that the Protocol for Area Committees permits the Area Committee to co-opt up to 5 persons onto the committee for the period expiring with the conclusion of a municipal year. Co-opted members are entitled to speak at meetings but not to vote.
5. The Protocol requires that the committee, in appointing co-opted members, must have due regard to the extent to which persons to be co-opted represent interests of importance within the communities served by the committee. There is a further requirement that co-optees shall not represent the views of any political party on the committee. Furthermore, the committee has previously decided that co-optees must not be employed by the Council or be members of a political party.

##### **Finance**

6. 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. The views of young people are represented through the appointment of one of the co-opted members.

## **Recommendation**

9. It is recommended that the Area Committee consider the appointment of co-opted members for 2009/10.



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## **List of Background Papers**

1. Correspondence with co-opted members for 2009/10.