

Central Dudley Area Committee - 14th September, 2010

Co-option

Report of the Area Liaison Officer

Purpose of Report

1. To consider the co-option of persons to serve as co-opted members of the Committee for the remainder of the 2010/11 municipal year to represent young people and the Dudley Association for Governing Bodies.

Background

2. In considering the issue of co-option of members for 2010-11, the Committee, at its last meeting, resolved to request the Area Liaison Officer to seek a nominee from the Dudley Association of Governing Bodies in place of their previous co-optee Mrs Edwards. The Association have nominated Mr G Lawley to serve.
3. In addition, two young people from Central Area Youth Forum, Connor Robinson and Mathew Thomas, have expressed interest in serving as youth representatives, indicating that they would prefer to serve jointly. The Chairman and Vice Chairman have indicated their agreement to their being appointed on this basis.
4. The Chairman and Vice Chairman have also suggested that mentoring by a member(s) be offered to the youth representatives, in order to introduce them to the Council and Committee machinery. Two members so far have indicated that they would be happy to act as mentors, should the youth representatives wish to take up the offer.

Finance

5. 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

6. Section 102 (3) of the Local Government Act, 1972, provides for Committee of the Council to include persons who are not members of the Council.

Equality Impact

7. This report enables the Committee to consider the appointments of co-opted members in order to assist in making meetings more representative for the local community. The co-option of youth representatives will assist in ensuring that young people are actively involved in developing and improving services in the Central Dudley area.

Recommendations

8. That Mr Lawley be co-opted to the Committee as the representative of the Dudley Association of Governing Bodies for the remainder of the 2010/11 municipal year.
9. That Connor Robinson and Mathew Thomas be co-opted to the Committee to serve jointly as youth representatives for the remainder of the 2010/11 municipal year.



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List of Background Papers

Minute 7 of the meeting of the Central Dudley Area Committee held on the 8th June, 2010