
Halesowen Area Committee – 2nd July 2008

Appointment of Working Groups

Report of the Area Liaison Officer

Purpose of Report

1. To consider the appointment and reappointment of Working Groups of the Committee for the 2008/09 Municipal Year.

Background

2. In the last municipal year the Committee appointed the Halesowen Area Committee (Halesowen Town Centre Consultation Exercise) Working Group to steer the consultation exercise. The remit of the Working Group was extended to cover wider progress on the re-development of the town centre. Details of previous Membership and proposed Terms of Reference of the Working Group are given below:-

Previous Membership

Previous membership of the Working Group consisted of the Chairman of the Area Committee and one Member from each Ward namely Councillors Jackson (Chairman), Body, Taylor, James, Hill and K Turner.

Proposed Terms of Reference

The proposed terms of reference of the Working Group are:-

- To receive regular progress reports from the Project Manager detailing the physical developments taking place in Halesowen town centre
 - Identify and resolve any constraints to project progress
 - Guide public relations and communication issues for the project
 - To report recommendations and findings to the Area Committee on a regular basis.
3. At its meeting of the Halesowen Area Committee held on 12th March, 2008 the Committee appointed the Halesowen Area Committee (Cradley/Windmill Hill Regeneration Plan Delivery) Working Group.

Details of previous Membership and proposed Terms of Reference of the Working Group are given below:-

Previous Membership

Membership of the Working Group consisted of one Member from each of the affected Wards namely, Belle Vale, Cradley and Foxcote and Hayley Green and Cradley South Wards. The three Members that were nominated from those particular Wards were Councillors Mrs Dunn, Ms Partridge and K Turner.

Proposed Terms of Reference

The proposed terms of reference of the Working Group were agreed as follows:

- Receive regular progress reports from the Local Centres Officer
 - To agree priorities for action
 - Identify and resolve any constraints to plan progress
 - Guide public relations and communications for the plan
 - Report progress to the Committee on a regular basis
 - To review the regeneration plan annually.
4. The Committee is also being recommended to appoint a Working Group to consider the Local Community Renewal Plan (see Agenda Item No. 17)

Finance

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

Law

6. 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

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

Recommendation

8. That the Committee considers the re-appointment and appointment of Working Groups for 2008/09 and determines the composition and membership.

9. That the appropriate Lead Officer for individual Working Groups that are appointed or re-appointed be requested to submit regular written reports to the Committee.



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List of Background Papers

- Halesowen Area Committee Minutes – 2nd July 2007
- Halesowen Area Committee Minutes – 12th March 2008