

Stourbridge Area Committee - 17th November 2008

Report of the Area Liaison Officer

Co-opted Member

Purpose of Report

1. To consider the appointment of a co-opted member to represent Local Tenants and Residents for 2008/9.

Background

2. At its meeting on the 16th June 2008 the Committee deferred appointing a co-opted member to represent Local Tenants and Residents pending a nomination from the Stourbridge Area Forum.
3. In September 2008 I received confirmation that the Stourbridge Area Forum had again nominated Ms P Shepherd who has been a co-opted member for several years.
4. Members are reminded that the Protocol for Area Committees permits the Area Committee to co-opt up to five persons on to 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 Area Committee, in appointing co-opted members, must have due regard to the extent to which persons to be co-opted represent interest 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.

Recommendation

9. It is recommended that the Area Committee consider the appointment of Ms P Shepherd as a co-opted member to represent Local Tenants and Residents.

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List of Background Papers

1. Correspondence with Ms Shepherd