

North Dudley Area Committee – 28th June, 2006

Report of the Area Liaison Officer

Co-opted Members

Purpose of Report

1. To consider the co-option of persons to serve as co-opted members of the Committee for the 2006/2007 Municipal Year.

Background

2. The protocols for Area Committees permit Area Committees to co-opt up to five 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.
3. The protocol requires that the Committee, in appointing co-opted members, has due regard to the extent to which persons to be co-opted represent interests of importance within the communities served by the Area Committee. There is a further requirement that co-optees shall not represent the views of any political party on the Area Committee.
4. The Cabinet, in March 2006, resolved to suggest to Area Committees that one of the five co-opted places on the Committee be reserved for a representative of young people. The co-option of a young person will be addressed under item 11 (Youth Issues) of this agenda.
5. The Committee is now requested to consider the co-option of members for the 2006/2007 Municipal Year.

Finance

7. 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

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

Equality Impact

9. This report enables the Area Committee to consider the appointment of local co-opted members in order to assist in making meetings more representative of the local community.

Recommendations

10. The Committee is requested to determine the co-opted members for the 2006/2007 Municipal Year.



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List of Background Papers

The Council's Constitution.