

Meeting of the Council – 13th October, 2008

Report of the Select Committee on Health and Adult Social Care

Appointment of Co-opted Member to the Select Committee on Health and Adult Social Care

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider making provision for the appointment of a non-elected, non-voting Co-opted Member to the Select Committee on Health and Adult Social Care in connection with the Local Involvement Network (LINK) in Dudley.

Background

2. At its meeting on 8th July, 2008, the Select Committee on Health and Adult Social Care considered a report on the establishment of a Local Involvement Network (LINK) in Dudley by a host organisation and the associated implications for health and adult social care. The establishment of a LINK is a Government initiative with the objective to improve the voice of the community to improve services. The report to the Select Committee can be viewed on the [Committee Management Information System](#) on the Council's Website.
3. The former Patient and Public Involvement Forum was abolished on 31st March, 2008 and funding has been transferred for the establishment of a LINK. The LINK will overtake the work of the former Patient and Public Involvement Forum with extended powers relating to social care and the inspection of premises.
4. The Select Committee on Health and Adult Social Care noted the progress made in establishing a LINK and the draft Dudley Scrutiny and Dudley LINK relationship protocol. Subject to the approval of the Council, the Committee recommended that provision should be made to appoint a non-elected, non-voting Co-opted Member of the eventual LINK to the Select Committee on Health and Adult Social Care in due course.
5. At its meeting on 10th September, 2008, the Cabinet received a report on LINKs and supported the progress towards establishing a LINK in Dudley to be provided by the Shaw Trust.

Finance

6. Any costs associated with the appointment of a Co-opted Member to the Select Committee on Health and Adult Social Care will be met from existing resources.

Law

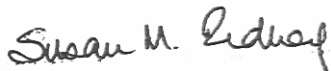
7. The relevant statutory provisions regarding appointments to Committees are contained in the Local Government Act 1972 together with Regulations, Orders and Statutory Guidance. Provisions regarding the Council's Constitution are contained in Part II of the Local Government Act 2000.

Equality Impact

8. The appointment of a non-voting co-opted Member has no implications for the Council's policies on equality and diversity and there are no direct implications for children and young people.

Recommendation

9. That provision be made to appoint a non- elected, non-voting Co-opted Member of the eventual LINK to the Select Committee on Health and Adult Social Care in due course.
10. That the Director of Law and Property, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, be authorised to appoint the Co-opted Member and to deal with the filling of any vacancies that arise from time to time.



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Councillor Susan Ridney
Chairman of the Select Committee on Health and Adult Social Care