

Central Dudley Area Committee – 7th June, 2011

Report of the Area Liaison Officer

Terms of Reference and Protocol for Area Committees

Purpose of Report

1. To submit the terms of reference and protocol for Area Committees, for the information of the Committee.

Background

2. At the meeting of the Council held on 19th May, 2011, Area Committees were re-appointed with the existing terms of reference and protocols retained.

Finance

3. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Law

4. Sections 101 and 102 of the Local Government Act, 1972 enable the Council to appoint Committees and delegate functions to them.
5. By virtue of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations, 1990, the rules on proportionality regarding the allocation of seats to political groups do not apply to the Area Committees, provided the membership of the Area Committee comprises ward members from the area.

Equality Impact

6. The establishment of Area Committees enables the Council's decision making processes to reflect local views. Each of the Area Committees is under a duty to consult the public on Council Services, initiatives and plans, incorporating the need to ensure that minority and disadvantaged groups in the community area included within this process.

Recommendation

7. That the terms of reference and the protocol for Area Committees, as attached as appendices to this report, be noted.



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List of Background Papers

The Council's Constitution