

**STOURBRIDGE AREA COMMITTEE: 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2005**

**CO-OPTED MEMBERS**

**REPORT OF THE AREA LIAISON OFFICER**

**1.0 PURPOSE**

1.1 To consider the appointment of co-opted members for 2005/6.

**2.0 BACKGROUND**

2.1. For 2004/5 the Area Committee appointed the following co-opted members: -

- Mr G Downing – Local Businesses
- Mr D Coggan – Voluntary Community Sector
- Ms P Shepherd – Local Tenants and Residents
- Mr K Rodney (and in his absence Mr P Singh) – Ethnic Minorities
- Ms R Hill – Young People

2.2. Apart from Ms Hill all of the above have indicated their willingness to be co-opted for a further year.

2.3. Members are reminded that the Protocol for Area Committees permits the Area Committee 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.

2.4. The Protocol requires that the Committee, in appointing co-opted members, must have due regard to the extent to which persons to be co-opted represent interests 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.

**3.0 PROPOSAL**

3.1. It is proposed that the Area Committee consider the appointment of co-opted members for 2005/6.

**4.0 FINANCE**

4.1. 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.

**5. LAW**


5.1. Section 102(3) of the Local Government Act 1972, enables the Committee to appoint co-opted members.

**6.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

6.1. This report complies fully with the Council's policies on equal opportunities and diversity.

**7.0 RECOMMENDATION**

7.1. It is recommended that the Area Committee consider the appointment of co-opted members for 2005/6.



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**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1. Correspondence with co-opted members for 2004/5.