

**DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH**

**CABINET – 16 MARCH 2005**

**REPORT OF THE CULTURE AND RECREATION SELECT COMMITTEE**

**1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To recommend to the Cabinet the implementation of a Dudley MBC Commemorative Plaque Scheme.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 Other than in cemeteries & crematoria and the Council's Public Art Strategy (1999) there is currently no policy within the borough for statues, monuments and memorials. As a consequence of this the Culture & Recreation Select Committee have developed the following draft documents:-

- Dudley MBC Commemorative Plaque Policy.
- An Information Leaflet & Application Form.

These are attached as Appendices 1 and 2.

- 2.2 The views of all Area Committees have been sought. The proposed amendment from 2 of the area committees is that the person to be commemorated should have been dead for 15 years, or have passed the centenary of their birth, whichever is earlier. In the proposed policy that was circulated, the suggested criterion was 20 years.

**3. PROPOSAL**

- 3.1 It is proposed that the Cabinet approve the Commemorative Plaque policy and Information Leaflet attached as Appendices 1 and 2.

**4. FINANCE**

- 4.1 An administrative fee of £50 + VAT will be charged for processing each application.
- 4.2 All other direct costs associated with the implementation of the policy will be paid by the applicant.

**5. LAW**

- 5.1 Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000 enables the Council to do anything which is likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the economic, social or environmental well-being of any part of the borough.

**6. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

- 6.1 The proposals take into account the Council's equality and diversity policy.


7. **RECOMMENDATION**

7.1 That the proposal contained in 3.1 be approved.

8. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

8.1 Culture and Recreation Select Committee reports 8<sup>th</sup> July 2004 & 11<sup>th</sup> November 2004.

8.2 Area Committee reports January 2005.



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