

## **Stourbridge Area Committee - 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2012**

### **Report of the Area Liaison Officer**

#### **Co-opted Members**

##### **Purpose of Report**

1. To consider the appointment of co-opted members for 2012/13.

##### **Background**

2. For 2011/12 the Area Committee appointed the following co-opted members: -
  - Mr G Downing – Local Businesses
  - Ms P Shepherd – Local Tenants and Residents
  - Nadia Hathway and Ryan Owen – Young People
3. The above persons have been asked if they wish to continue to serve. To date Mr Downing, Miss Hathway and Mr Owen have confirmed they are willing to serve again for 2012/13. Ms Shepherd's response is awaited and will be reported orally to the meeting.
4. Members are reminded that the Protocol for Area Committees permits the Area Committee to co-opt up to 5 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.
5. 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 nor be Members of a political party.

##### **Finance**

6. 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**

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

## **Equality Impact**

8. This report complies fully with the Council's policies on equality and diversity. The views of young people are represented through the appointment of one of the co-opted members.

## **Recommendation**

9. It is recommended that the Area Committee consider the appointment of co-opted members for 2011/2012.



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## **List of Background Papers**

1. Correspondence with co-opted members.