
Stourbridge Area Committee - 3rd September 2008

Report of the Area Liaison Officer

Co-opted Member

Purpose of Report

1. To consider the appointment of a co-opted member to represent the ethnic minority communities in Stourbridge.

Background

2. At its meeting on the 16th June 2008 the Area Committee deferred a decision on the appointment of a co-opted member to represent ethnic minority communities in Stourbridge.
3. Since that meeting I have received letters from Mr Abdul Qadus (Appendix 1) and Mohammed Saeed (Appendix 2) asking to be considered for this appointment.
4. The Committee is asked to consider these nominations and make an appointment.
5. Members are reminded that the Protocol for Area Committees permits the Area Committee to co-opt up to five persons on to the Committee for the period expiring with the conclusion of a municipal year. Co-opted members are entitled to speak at meetings but not vote.
6. 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 interest 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.

Finance

7. 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

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

Equality Impact

9. 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

10. It is recommended that the Area Committee consider the appointment of a co-opted member for 2008/9 to represent ethnic minority communities in Stourbridge.

John Polychronakis

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John Polychronakis
Area Liaison Officer

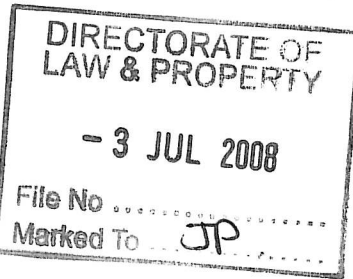
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List of Background Papers

1. Nil

To JOHN POLYCHRONAKIS
CHIEF LEGAL & PROPERTY OFFICER
DUDLEY MBC

APPENDIX 1



13, Brook Rd
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20/6/08

To Chief Legal officer
Dudley MBC

Dear John,

I wish to request my nomination for ethnic minority to represent for Stourbridge committee, I am not affiliated with any political parties or an employee of Dudley MBC, and I feel that I can be an asset for the above minority to represent them in true form.

I am also sending a copy of this letter to the chairman of Stourbridge area committee councillor Collin and to the vice chairman councillor Turner, for me to be considered at the next area committee.

I hope this would be sufficient and look forward for your reply.

Thank you
Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Qadus".

A. Qadus

J. POLYCHRONAKIS
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Mohammed Saeed
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Date: July 15, 2008

Dear John

With due regards, I would like to put my name forward for the position in Stourbridge Area Committee as a co-opted member to represent the ethnic minority population in Stourbridge.

I live in Lye, where the majority of ethnic minority people are currently resident. I have been working at Pedmore Technology College and community school, Pedmore, Stourbridge as a teacher and Community Development Manager since September 2003. Pedmore Tech. College has become a partner in an independent education trust, I shall no longer be an employee of local authority from September 2008.

As a part of my job, I have had an opportunity to work closely with families and children, Mosques, Community Organizations, Youth Centre, Primary Schools and Lye Community Project. There is a series of challenges to be met however, in my opinion the top three priorities are as follows.

- Young people mainly boys are getting involved in anti social behavior leading into serious crimes
- Community Cohesion and Social welfare
- Regeneration (provision of leisure and entertainment facilities for all age groups)

I have attended Stourbridge Area Committee sessions in the past as an audience. This is an opportunity where I consider myself as a suitable candidate to join the committee as a co-opted member and make positive contributions towards community development. I shall try my best to raise genuine concerns and pass on my comments as and when required during committee sessions.

I shall be delighted if I am granted with an opportunity to gain the position in this forum.

Many thanks


Yours Sincerely
Mohammed Saeed