

**DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CENTRAL DUDLEY AREA COMMITTEE – 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2005**

**APPOINTMENT OF WORKING GROUPS**

**REPORT OF THE AREA LIAISON OFFICER**

**1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To consider the appointment of Working Groups of the Committee for the 2005/06 Municipal Year.

**2.0 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to determine the member numbers to serve on Working Groups in the 2005/06 municipal year. In this regard the Committee is asked to consider the following issues:

**2.1.1 Community Plan**

At the meeting of Annual Council held on 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2005, the requirement to develop and produce a local Community Plan was amended in order to avoid the potential for duplication or confusion given other ongoing planning work. It was agreed that it should no longer be a specific requirement for each Area Committee to produce a separate local community plan however this would not prevent any individual Area Committee from developing its own local plan, if appropriate. Should Members wish to establish a working group it is suggested that it comprise one member of each of the wards comprising the Committee.

**2.1.2 Capital Allocations**

The terms of reference of Committees provide for the Committee to determine proposals for the deployment of the delegated capital allocations budget. It is proposed that, to progress this matter, a Working Group of members of the Committee be established. In this regard it is suggested that this Working Group comprise one member of each of the wards comprising the Committee.

**3.0 PROPOSALS**

3.1 That the Committee determine the Working Groups to be appointed for the 2005/06 municipal year and the names of members to serve, with particular reference to the issues referred to in section 2.0 above.

**4.0 FINANCE**

4.1 The proposals contained in item 3.1 above (the setting up of the working parties) will not incur a cost to the budget.

**5.0 LAW**

5.1 Since Working Groups do not have the status of formal Committees, the rules of proportionality which relate to seats on Committees under Section 18 of the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations, 1990 are not applicable.

**6.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

6.1 The proposals take into account the Council's equal opportunities policies.

**7.0 RECOMMENDATION**

7.1 That the proposals contained in paragraph 3.0 above be approved.

**8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

8.1 The Council's Constitution.



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