

Stourbridge Area Committee - 16th June 2008

Report of the Area Liaison Officer

Co-opted Members

Purpose of Report

1. To consider the appointment of co-opted members for 2008/9.

Background

2. For 2007/8 the Area Committee appointed the following co-opted members: -
 - Mr G Downing – Local Businesses
 - Mr I Green – Voluntary Community Sector
 - Ms P Shepherd – Local Tenants and Residents
 - Mr K Rodney (and in his absence Mr P Singh) – Ethnic Minorities
 - Ryan Nokes – Young People (appointed on the 10th March 2008).
3. Mr G Downing and Mr K Rodney have both indicated their willingness to be co-opted again for 2008/9.
4. When appointed at the March 2008 meeting Ryan Nokes asked that he be permitted to appoint a substitute for any meeting that he was unable to attend.
5. Both Mr I Green and Ms P Shepherd were not able to attend many meetings during 2007/8 because of ill health. At the time of writing this report I am still awaiting nominations from Stourbridge Community Associations Network and the Stourbridge Area Forum.
6. 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.
7. 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.

Finance

8. 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

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

Equality Impact

10. 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

11. It is recommended that the Area Committee consider the appointment of co-opted members for 2008/9.

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List of Background Papers

1. Correspondence with co-opted members for 2008/9.