

**Halesowen Area Committee – 6<sup>th</sup> July 2011**

**Report of the Area Liaison Officer**

**Appointment of Co-opted Members**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To consider the appointment of persons to serve as co-opted members of the Committee for the 2011/12 Municipal Year.

**Background**

2. The protocols for Area Committees permit Area Committees to co-opt up to five persons onto the Committee for the period expiring with the conclusion of each municipal year. Co-opted members are entitled to speak at meetings but not to vote.
3. The protocol requires that the Committee, in appointing co-opted members, has due regard to the extent to which persons to be co-opted represent interests of importance within the communities served by the Area Committee. There is a further requirement that co-optees shall not represent the views of any political party on the Area Committee. It has also been suggested by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2006 that Area Committees reserve one of their vacancies for a co-opted member for a representative of young people.
4. The Committee is now requested to consider the co-option of members for the 2011/12 municipal year. In previous years whilst the Area Committee has appointed a co-optee to a Working Group it has not to the main Area Committee and it is proposed that this arrangement continue in 2011/12.

**Finance**

5. 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**

6. Section 102 (3) of the Local Government Act, 1972, provides for a Committee of the Council to include persons who are not members of the Council.

## **Equality Impact**

7. The report complies with the suggestion made by Cabinet to reserve one of the vacancies for a co-opted member for a representative of young people.

## **Recommendation**

8. That the Committee determines the co-opted members to serve for the 2011/12 municipal year.



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## **List of Background Papers**

- The Councils Constitution