

Halesowen Area Committee – 7th July 2010

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 2010/11 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 15th 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 2010/11 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 2010/11.

Finance

3. 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

4. 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 2010/11 municipal year.



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List of Background Papers

- The Councils Constitution