

HALESOWEN AREA COMMITTEE – 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE, 2005

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

REPORT OF THE AREA LIAISON OFFICER

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To consider the co-option of persons to serve as co-opted members of the Committee for the 2005/06 Municipal Year.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 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 a municipal year. Co-opted members are entitled to speak at meetings but not to vote.
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 The Committee is now requested to consider the co-option of members for the 2005/06 municipal year.

3.0 PROPOSALS

- 3.1 That the Committee determines the co-opted members to serve for the 2005/06 municipal year.

4.0 FINANCE

- 4.1 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.

5.0 LAW

- 5.1 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.

6.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

6.1 This report enables the Area Committee to consider the appointment of local co-opted members in order to assist in making meetings more representative of the local community.

7.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 That the proposal set out in Section 3.1 above be considered.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 The Council's Constitution.

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