

NORTH DUDLEY AREA COMMITTEE – 29th JUNE 2005

TERMS OF REFERENCE AND PROTOCOL FOR AREA COMMITTEES

REPORT OF THE AREA LIAISON OFFICER

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 To submit the terms of reference and protocol for Area Committees.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 At the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 19th May, 2005 Area Committees were re-appointed with terms of reference attached. The protocol applicable to Area Committees is also attached.

3.0 PROPOSAL

3.1 That the terms of reference and protocol for Area Committees, as attached hereto, be noted.

4.0 FINANCE

4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

5.0 LAW

5.1 Sections 101 and 102 of the Local Government Act 1972 enable the Council to appoint Committees and delegate functions to them.

5.2 By virtue of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, the rules on proportionality regarding the allocation of seats to political groups do not apply to the Area Committees, provided the membership of the Area Committee comprises ward members from the area.

6.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

6.1 The establishment of Area Committees enables the Council's decision making processes to reflect local views. Each of the Area Committees is under a duty to consult the public on Council Services, initiatives and plans, incorporating the need to ensure that minority and disadvantaged groups in the community are included within this process.

7.0 RECOMMENDATION

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

8.0 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

8.1 Dudley MBC Constitution.



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