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**Report to**  
Council

19<sup>th</sup> September, 2006

**Report of**  
Director of Legal and Democratic Services

**Title**  
Appointments to Outside Bodies

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### **1 Purpose of the Report**

To make appointments to the University of Warwick Board of the Institute of Education, the Local Enterprise Growth Initiative (LEGI) Partnership Board and to amend the City Council's appointment to Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Partnership Limited.

### **2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the City Council nominates Councillor Blundell (Cabinet Member (Children, Learning and Young People)) and Ruth Snow (Head of Services for Schools) to take up the two places allocated to the City Council on the University of Warwick Board of the Institute of Education and that Councillor Blundell be identified as the Lead Member for the purpose of reporting back to the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee.
- 2.2 That the City Council nominates Councillor Arrowsmith (Cabinet Member (Urban Regeneration and Regional Planning)), Councillor Ridge (Chair of Scrutiny Board (3) (Urban Regeneration and Regional Planning and City Services)) and Councillor Batten (Shadow Member for Regeneration) to the three places allocated to Elected Members on the LEGI Partnership Board and that Councillor Arrowsmith be identified as the Lead Member for the purpose of reporting back to the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee.
- 2.3 That the City Council nominates Councillor H Noonan to take up the place formerly allocated to Councillor Taylor on the Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Partnership Board and that Councillor Arrowsmith be identified as the Lead Member for the purpose of reporting back to the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee.

### **3 Information/Background**

#### University of Warwick Board of the Institute of Education

- 3.1 The University of Warwick have recently indicated that two places have been allocated to the City Council on their Board of the Institute of Education. The Institute has a strong relationship with external partners in a variety of fields which helps to strengthen the quality of training offered. The activities of the Institute are overseen by a Board, formally constituted within the University, which counts amongst its members a number of representatives appointed by Local Education Authorities and teachers unions and several more from significant groups within the education service regionally and nationally.

- 3.2 The term of office for the City Councils nominees would commence in the 2006/7 autumn term for a period of three years ending in the summer of 2009. The Board meets twice per year normally in November and April.

Local Enterprise Growth Initiative (LEGI) Partnership Board

- 3.3 The Government, recognising that enterprise and entrepreneurial activity were particularly low in the most deprived areas of the country, coupled with an assumption that traditional business support activities do not work in these areas, launched the LEGI in the March 2005 budget.
- 3.4 The implementation of the LEGI Programme requires the establishment of a senior level Partnership Board, the Partnership Board will be responsible for overseeing the implementation of the Coventry LEGI Programme over its initial three-year period and will comprise a wide range of partners including CVSC, Business Link/Chamber, private sector entrepreneurs, Community Network Organisations, a head teacher (to make the link with enterprise and schools), GOWM, a member of scrutiny and the Cabinet Member (Urban Regeneration and Regional Planning). The Cabinet Member (Urban Regeneration & Regional Planning) will chair the Partnership Board, two other places on the Board have been allocated to Elected Members of the City Council, one to the Chair of the relevant Scrutiny Board, currently Scrutiny Board (3) (Urban Regeneration and Regional Planning and City Services), the third place is allocated to a nominee of the Labour Group.
- 3.5 The role of the Board will include the final approval of applications and the responsibility for monitoring and evaluation of the programme.

Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Partnership Limited

- 3.6 The City Council's current nominees to Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Partnership Limited (CSWP) are Councillors Taylor and Arrowsmith. In March 2006 Councillor Taylor was appointed to the Board of Advantage West Midlands (AWM), AWM subsequently nominated Councillor Taylor to their position on CSWP. Councillor Taylor is concerned that there could be a conflict of interest between the two positions and has indicated that he wishes the City Council's position on CSWP to be reallocated to another Elected member.

**4 Proposal and Other Option(s) to be Considered**

University of Warwick Board of the Institute of Education

- 4.1 Nominees to the Board of the Institute of Education do not have to be Elected Members, it is therefore proposed to nominate Councillor Blundell (Cabinet Member (Children, Learning and Young People)) to one of the places and Ruth Snow (Head of Services for Schools) to the second position.

Local Enterprise Growth Initiative (LEGI) Partnership Board

- 4.2 Two places on the LEGI Partnership Board are allocated to the Cabinet Member (Urban Regeneration and Regional Planning) and Chair of the relevant Scrutiny Board, currently Councillors Arrowsmith and Ridge respectively, it is proposed to nominate Councillor Batten to the third place allocated to a nominee of the Labour Group.

Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Partnership Limited

- 4.3 It is proposed to nominate Councillor H Noonan to the position previously held by Councillor Taylor on CSWP Limited.

## 5 Other specific implications

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	<b>Implications (See below)</b>	<b>No Implications</b>
Area Co-ordination		✓
Best Value		✓
Children and Young People		✓
Comparable Benchmark Data		✓
Corporate Parenting		✓
Coventry Community Plan		✓
Crime and Disorder		✓
Equal Opportunities		✓
Finance		✓
Health and Safety		✓
Human Resources		✓
Human Rights Act		✓
Impact on Partner Organisations		✓
Information and Communications Technology		✓
Legal Implications		✓
Property Implications		✓
Race Equality Scheme		✓
Risk Management		✓
Sustainable Development		✓
Trade Union Consultation		✓
Voluntary Sector – The Coventry Compact		✓

## 6 Monitoring

- 6.1 A process for representatives nominated to outside bodies to report back to the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee on the work of that body is in place, this facilitates an annual review of the continuing value of each appointment to ensure that Council representation on outside bodies delivers mutual benefit and value.

List of background papers

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