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**Report to**  
Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

21<sup>st</sup> September, 2005

**Report of**  
Cabinet Member (City Services)

**Title**  
Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies - Urban Steering Committee of the Local Government Association

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

- 1.1 At their meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2005, the Cabinet approved a process of reporting back to the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee on the work of those outside bodies appointed to by the City Council. This reports sets out details of the work of the Urban Steering Committee of the Local Government Association over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

### **2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 The 27 members of this body are selected on the basis of the political balance of the overall membership of the Urban Commission of the Local Government Association and there is no guarantee the City Council will have a place every year. The places are divided between each political group based on the overall membership of the Commission. The places are then allocated to individual members by the respective Group leaders
- 2.2 This being the case the City Council cannot make a direct appointment at the AGM to this outside body and therefore should cease to do so. The elected member appointed to the Urban Commission of the Local Government Association should of course be strongly encouraged to seek a place for the city on this body from their group.

### **3 Information on Work of Outside Body**

- 3.1 The Steering Cttee is intended to both influence and set the Agenda for the Urban Commission as a whole. The Cttee will discuss items that may be of interest to the Commission as a whole and initiate investigative work to be undertaken into them.
- 3.2 The objectives of the Steering Cttee are similar to those of the Urban Commission as a whole.

### **4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment**

- 4.1 Membership of this body assists the council in helping to direct the work of the Urban Commission of the Local Government Association.

**5 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment**

5.1 Councillor Foster is the City Council's representative and has attended a total of 1 meetings from a possible 1, Councillor Mulhall is nominated as 'named substitute', as Councillor Foster has a 100% attendance record he has not been required to attend.

5.2 There is no remuneration associated with the appointment.

List of background papers

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