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**Report to**  
Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2005

**Report of**  
Councillor David Arrowsmith  
Cabinet Member (Urban Regeneration & Regional Planning)

**Title**  
Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – West Midlands Local Government Association -  
Regional Planning Partnership

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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 West Midlands Local Government Association Regional Planning Partnership over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

### **2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 It is necessary to maintain our involvement as important decisions are increasingly influenced and made at regional level.

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

- 3.1 The Regional Planning Partnership is part of the West Midlands Regional Assembly and includes Members and representatives of the Business and Community sectors from across the West Midlands Region. It is supported by staff at the Regional Assembly and an Officer Support Group, the Regional Advisory Group, which is currently Chaired by James Russell. They discuss planning issues of a wider concern than just one authority, e.g. Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS), Midlands Way, and the emerging work on the City Region. The Partnership has statutory responsibility as the Regional Planning Body with an increasingly important role in ensuring local plans and developments are in line with the RSS.

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

- 4.1 It presents an opportunity to input our point of view and influence decisions.

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

- 5.1 Councillors Arrowsmith and McNicholas are the City Council appointed members on the West Midlands Local Government Association Regional Planning Partnership, at the City Council's Annual Meeting in May, 2005 Councillor McNicholas replaced Councillor Batten as the representative from the Labour Group. In the last twelve months there have been seven meetings of the Partnership, three of these being 'special' additional meetings, Councillor Arrowsmith has attended one meeting, Councillor McNicholas has attended no

meetings (eligible to attend three), Councillor Batten attended 1 meeting (eligible to attend four).

5.2 There is no remuneration associated with the appointment

List of background papers

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