
Report to
Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

11th January, 2006

Report of
Councillor Brian Kelsey

Title
Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – West Midlands LGA – West Midlands Provincial Council

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 At their meeting on 10th 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 LGA – West Midlands Provincial Council over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 I would recommend continued involvement to this body.

3 Information on Work of Outside Body

- 3.1 The West Midlands Provincial Council is a regional industrial relations forum bringing together representatives of local government employers and the constituent trade unions (GMB, T&GWU and UNISON) from the 38 local authorities in the West Midlands. Its remit embraces all local government employees within the scope of the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (ie most local government employees excluding teachers, chief officers and craft employees who have their own national agreements).

4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment

- 4.1 The benefits of involvement with the West Midlands LGA – West Midlands Provincial Council are -

- Develops and promotes joint best practice advice and guidance to local authorities and trade union branches in relation to relevant employment matters
- Informs about relevant issues through joint 'open' seminars
- Co-ordinates joint responses to government consultations on developing employment law
- Provides informal/formal conciliation and disputes resolution procedures

5 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

- 5.1 Councillor Kelsey was appointed to the West Midlands Local Government Association Provincial Council at the City Council's Annual Meeting in May, 2005. Prior to May

Councillors Ridley, Mrs Rutter and Harrison were the City Council's representatives (in February 2005 the WMLGA Executive Committee amended the composition of the Provincial Council from May 2005 onwards, so reducing the number of places on the Provincial Council). In the past twelve months there have been four meetings of the Provincial Council, there has been no representative of the City Council at any of the four meetings.

5.2 There is no remuneration associated with the nomination.

List of background papers

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