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**Report to**  
Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

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

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

**Title**  
Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – West Midlands Passenger Transport Authority.

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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 report sets out details of the work of West Midlands Passenger Transport Authority, over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

### **2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 It is necessary to appoint three members to represent Coventry's interest in the authority.

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

- 3.1 To oversee Centro with regard to public transport policy and operations across the West Midlands area.

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

- 4.1 To ensure representation and influence public transport policy with special regard to Coventry's interests, i.e. bus services, rail services and future proposals for BRT and other initiatives. Two of Coventry's PTA members are also lead PTA spokespersons for portfolio areas.

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

- 5.1 Councillors Arrowsmith, McNicholas and Willaims are the City Council's representatives on the West Midlands Passenger Transport Authority, their attendance and meetings of the Passenger Transport Authority and those Committees they have been appointed to are set out below:-

#### **Passenger Transport Authority**

Cllr Arrowsmith - 7 out of 7 mtgs attended

Cllr McNicholas - 6 out of 7 mtgs attended

Cllr Williams - 5 out of 7 mtgs attended

#### **Transport Strategy Committee**

Cllr Arrowsmith - 4 out of 5 mtgs attended

Cllr McNicholas - 4 out of 5 mtgs attended

**Policy and Strategy Forum**

Cllr Arrowsmith - 1 out of 4 mtgs attended

Cllr McNicholas - 3 out of 4 mtgs attended

**Scrutiny Committee**

Cllr Williams - 4 out of 5 mtgs attended

**Standards Committee**

Cllr Williams - 1 out of 2 mtgs attended

**Smartcards - Scrutiny Panel**

Cllr Williams - 5 out of 5 mtgs attended

- 5.2 All members appointed to the Passenger Transport Authority receive a standard Allowance of £3,500. Councillor Arrowsmith receives an additional Special Responsibility Allowance of £8,000 as he is the lead member for Capital Programme and the Local Transport Plan, Councillor McNicholas receives an additional Special Responsibility Allowance of £8,000 as he is the lead member for Performance and Review, Councillor Williams receives an additional Special Responsibility Allowance of £4,000 as he is Vice Chair of the Scrutiny Committee, he also received a £500 payment in this municipal year as he took part in a completed scrutiny review.

List of background papers

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