
Report to
Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

20 September 2006

Report of
Councillor Ken Taylor, Leader of the Council

Title
Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – West Midlands Local Government Association - 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 Local Government Association over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

2 Recommendations

2.1 It is recommended that the City Council continues to send representatives to this outside body.

3 Information on Work of Outside Body

3.1 The West Midlands LGA is a voluntary association of the 38 local authorities in the West Midlands region. It represents the broad range of local government interests at a regional level, promoting and supporting authorities as well as influencing regional policies which affect the 'economic, social and environmental well being' of their communities. The City Council pays a membership fee to belong to the WMLGA. The WMLGA's six strategic medium term priorities for 2006/07 are:

- To be the focal point for the development of collective views of the region's local authorities and develop effective links with key regional and national partners
- To maintain and develop a coherent regional political framework to influence regional, national and EU policy
- To consolidate and fulfil local government's leadership role in regional strategic partnerships
- To support local authorities individually and collectively to respond to the modernisation and improvement agenda
- To enhance Association's reputation as a regional centre for local government policy development; facilitating collective working and the sharing and exchange of good practice
- To add value and provide code advisory and consultancy services across a range of people and organisational activities.

3.2 The West Midlands Local Government Association is closely associated with the West Midlands Regional Assembly (WMRA) and they share a Secretariat. The local government members of the WMRA are also members of the WMLGA Council.

4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment

4.1 The appointments provide Coventry City Council with a voice and the ability to influence regional issues through working with the other local authorities in the West Midlands and to provide a regional voice at a national level.

5 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

5.1 The City Council's representatives are Councillors Taylor and Mutton and Councillors O'Neill and Duggins are alternate representatives. In the last twelve months Councillor Taylor has attended two out of four meetings and Councillor Mutton has attended one of the four meetings.

5.2 Members receive no remuneration for the appointments.

List of background papers

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