
Report to
Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

14 February 2007

Report of
Councillor Mrs Johnson - Cabinet Member
(Human Resources, Corporate and Customer Services)

Title
Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – West Midlands Superannuation Committee

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 Superannuation Committee over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That members note the report and the work undertaken by the West Midlands Superannuation Committee.
- 2.2 That Scrutiny Co-ordination committee recommends that Council continue to appoint members to the West Midlands Superannuation Committee on an annual basis.

3 Information on Work of Outside Body

- 3.1 The West Midlands Local Government Pension Scheme is administered by Wolverhampton City Council on behalf of the seven Districts of the West Midlands County. The Trust also conducts operations on behalf of several other public bodies.
- 3.2 The role of board members is to safeguard the interests of their respective authorities and to appoint fund managers and set broad policy frameworks for investment, based on officer advice.
- 3.3 The board has two subcommittees and a main board, which meet on a quarterly basis.

4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment

- 4.1 Coventry City Council is a member of this scheme and has to appoint someone onto it in order to safeguard the Council's interests both as an employer and also to safeguard the investments made on behalf of employees.

5 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

5.1 Since May 2006 Councillor Mrs Johnson has been the City Council's appointed member on the West Midlands Superannuation Committee. Since June 2006 there have been 3 meetings of the Superannuation Committee of which Councillor Mrs Johnson has attended 2, 3 meetings of the Investment Advisory Sub Committee of which she attended 2 and 3 Joint Consultative Panels of which she was unable to attend. Councillor Mrs Johnson also attended two training days and the annual Local Government Pension Fund conference held in Bournemouth in November 2006 and an appointment panel to select new fund managers. Councillor Ridley was a City Councillor representative of the West Midlands Superannuation Committee until May 2006 and attended the meeting held in the period from January 2006 until May 2006.

5.2 There is no remuneration associated with the appointment.

List of background papers

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