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# **Public report**

Report to 14 February 2007

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

## Report of

**Councillor Gazey** 

#### Title

Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – Warwickshire Rural Community Council

#### 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 Warwickshire Rural Community Council over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

#### 2 Recommendations

2.1 That the City Council should continue to appoint to the Warwickshire Rural Community Council.

### 3 Information on Work of Outside Body

- 3.1 The Warwickshire Rural Community Council is an agency set up by the Countryside Commission and is supported by DEFRA. The objective of the organisation is to be the voice of the countryside, to liaise between the larger and smaller authorities and to keep in touch with Parish Councils, enabling their views and needs to be fed into strategic planning.
- 3.2 The Community Council seeks funding for rural projects. It produces a publication 'Country Matters' which the City Council receives.

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

4.1 The City contains many areas of countryside, the organisation is a voice of the rural community of which the City forms part.

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

- 5.1 The City Council's representative for the Warwickshire Rural Community Council is Councillor Gazey. Meetings of the organisation are quarterly and in the last twelve months, from January 2006 to December 2006 inclusive Councillor Gazey has attended three of the four meetings held.
- 5.2 There is no remuneration associated with the appointment.

List of background papers

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