



Report to
Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

21st March 2007

Report of
Councillor Williams

Title
Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies - The West Midlands Passenger Transport Authority

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 Passenger Transport Authority over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

2 Recommendations

2.1 It is required constitutionally to appoint 3 members to 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. Of Coventry's three members, one is a Committee Chairman and one a Vice-Chairman.

5 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

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

Bus Shelters Appeals Sub-Committee

Cllr Mrs Dixon – 4 out of 4 mtgs attended

Coventry Transport Users' Forum

Cllr Mrs Dixon - 2 out of 2 mtgs attended

Cllr McNicholas – 5 out of 5 mtgs attended

Cllr Williams – 5 out of 5 mtgs attended

Passenger Transport Authority

Cllr Mrs Dixon - 4 out of 4 mtgs attended
Cllr McNicholas - 9 out of 9 mtgs attended
Cllr Williams - 8 out of 9 mtgs attended

Pension Fund Committee

Cllr McNicholas –did not attend either of the 2 mtgs held

Policy and Strategy Forum

Cllr McNicholas - 2 out of 2 mtgs attended

Scrutiny Committee

Cllr Williams - 8 out of 8 mtgs attended

Smartcards Scrutiny Panel

Cllr Williams - 1 out of 1 mtg attended

Snow Hill Second Access Steering Group

Cllr McNicholas – 2 out of 4 mtgs attended

Standards Committee

Cllr Mrs Dixon – 1 out of 1 mtg attended
Cllr Williams - 1 out of 1 mtg attended

Transport Strategy Committee

Cllr McNicholas - 4 out of 4 mtgs attended

- 5.2 The members appointed to the Passenger Transport Authority receive a basic allowance of £3,603.36 for 2006/7. Councillor Mrs Dixon receives an additional Special Responsibility Allowance of £514.80, as she is a Member of the Bus Shelter Appeals Sub-Committee, Councillor McNicholas receives an additional Special Responsibility Allowance of £2,059.08, as he is Vice-Chair of the Pension Fund Committee, Councillor Williams receives an additional Special Responsibility Allowance of £4,118.16, as he is Chairman of the Pension Fund Committee.

List of background papers

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