
Report to

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

Report of

Cabinet Member – Community Services

Title

Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – Regional Housing Partnership

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 Regional Housing Partnership over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

2 Recommendations

I recommend that the two Coventry City Council representatives continue be members of the Regional Housing Executive and the Regional Housing Partnership.

3 Information on Work of Outside Body

- 3.1 Regional housing work in the West Midlands is undertaken by a number of bodies.

The Regional Housing Executive is the body that makes recommendations to Ministers about matters relating to housing.

The Regional Housing Partnership advises it. It has 100 members and is made up of Councillors, West Midlands Business Council and Other Stakeholders, in the usual Regional Assembly 4:1:1

The Regional Housing Advisory Forum is the officer group advising the Executive

The Sub Regional Housing Market Area Partnerships bring together officers representing the different sub-regions. Coventry is in a sub-region comprising Coventry, Rugby, North Warwickshire and Nuneaton. The groups develop the strategies for their sub-regions.

- 3.2 One of the key pieces of work of the Regional Housing Executive is to oversee the production of the Regional Investment Strategy with recommendations for financial investment across the region. This will influence both allocations in the forthcoming years and the Comprehensive Spending Review.

4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment

- 4.1 The appointments provide an opportunity for Coventry City Council representatives to take part in shaping future regional housing policy.
- 4.2 Two particularly important on-going issues that will effect Coventry in the future are the deliberations about the investment strategy for the region and also the growth agenda, responding to the call by the Government for housing growth in the region.

5 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

5.1

Regional Housing Executive (for info only) – Cllr Linda Bigham

- 28th September 06 – attended
11th October 06 – attended
30th November 06 – apologies sent
31st January 07 (special) – attended
15th March 07 – attended

Regional Housing Partnership – Cllr Hazel Noonan and Cllr Linda Bigham

- 28th September 06 – both attended
16 November 06 – both attended
22nd February 07 – Cllr Noonan attended

There is no remuneration for attendance.

List of background papers

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None

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