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**REPORT TO: Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee**

**REPORT OF: Cllr John Blundell**

**TITLE: The University of Warwick: Advisory Board of the Institute of Education**

**DATE: 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2007**

**VENUE: University House, Kirby Corner Road, Coventry: University of Warwick**

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### **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 University of Warwick: Advisory Board of the Institute of Education over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

### **2 Recommendation**

2.2 To continue to appoint the relevant cabinet member and officer to this organisation.

### **3 Background**

3.3 The advisory board was set up to provide external strategic support, comment and advice to the Institute of Education ([www.warwick.ac.uk/wie](http://www.warwick.ac.uk/wie)) on issues relevant to its present work and on its future direction and development. It promotes and develops relationships between the Institute and local communities particularly in education and children's services. It makes appropriate recommendations on the resources available to the Institute for the discharge of its function in relation to educational, development and research matters. It also submits reports for consideration by the Strategy Committee of the University, through the Vice-Chancellor, on the Advisory board of the strategic development of the Institution and its activities

### **4 Membership**

4.4 The institute covers the local authority areas of Coventry, Warwickshire and Solihull and as such has both elected member and officer representatives. For information the membership consists of: -  
Vice-Challenger and up to 2 other academic members of the University of Warwick  
Director of the Institute of Education  
3 other members of the Institute appointed by the university's strategy committee

Up to 25 external members appointed by the strategy committee (the local authorities would come within this category).

One undergraduate and one postgraduate student

Each appointee usually serves for 3 years

**5 Benefits to the city council from the appointment**

5.5 Opportunity for local authorities to share developments, opportunities and problems in a sub regional strategic approach with the University who is a major contributor to the economy of the sub-region. The Institute Strategic Plan contains: - 14 – 19 Specialist Diplomas, e-learning act and the Children’s Act and Workforce Reform. The Institute is involved in Training and Professional Development of Teachers and other areas particularly Early Childhood and Master level provision. The Institute is now the sole accrediting body for the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust section of the Department of Education and Skills.

**6 Attendance record and remuneration for the appointment.**

6.6 There is no remuneration for the appointment. The board has met on 2 occasions and Cllr. Blundell has attended both times

List of background papers	
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