
Report to
Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

19th December, 2007

Report of
Councillor Mrs Johnson – Cabinet Member
(Customer, Workforce and Legal Services)

Title

Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – West Midlands LGA – West Midlands Provincial Council

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 LGA – West Midlands Provincial Council over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 I would **not** recommend continued involvement to this body.

3 Information on Work of Outside Body

- 3.1 The West Midlands Provincial Council is a regional industrial relations forum bringing together representatives of local government employers and the constituent trade unions (GMB, T&GWU and UNISON) from the 38 local authorities in the West Midlands. Its remit embraces all local government employees within the scope of the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (ie most local government employees excluding teachers, chief officers and craft employees who have their own national agreements).

4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment

- 4.1 The Provincial Council has ceased to be a useful forum for developing joint best practice as it is not well supported by its members as evidenced by the lack of agenda items during the year. All the meetings arranged for the year were cancelled, as each meeting date approached, through lack of business. The only meeting held was the Annual General Meeting.

5 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

- 5.1 Councillor Mrs Johnson is Coventry City Council's representative on the West Midlands Local Government Association Provincial Council. During the period of November, 2006 and October, 2007 inclusive, there has been only one meeting held which Councillor Mrs Johnson was unable to attend as the date was changed at late notice for one on which Councillor Mrs Johnson had other commitments.

5.2 There is no remuneration associated with the appointment.

List of background papers

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