
To
Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

16th April, 2008

From
Councillor Mrs Johnson (Cabinet Member (Customer, Workforce and Legal Services))

Subject
West Midlands Local Government Association Provincial Council – Additional Information

1 Purpose of the Note

To provide further information to Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee regarding the West Midlands Provincial Council as requested by the at the meeting on 19th December, 2008.

2 Recommendations

The Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee are recommended to:-

- (i) note this further information
- (ii) recommend that the City Council continues to nominate one elected member to the West Midlands Local Government Association Provincial Council
- (iii) that the appointment to the West Midlands Local Government Association Provincial Council be reconsidered in twelve months time.

3 Information/Background

At their meeting on 19th December, 2008 the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee requested clarification regarding the Terms of Reference for the West Midlands Local Government Association (WMLGA) Provincial Council. The request was made in response to the recommendation in the report to cease nominating to the Provincial Council, the Committee were concerned that if the organisation was able to take decisions that were binding on authorities the City Council should be represented on it. The WMLGA Provincial Council provides the regional interface between local authorities and trade unions on industrial relations and workforce development issues

The Cabinet Member (Customer, Workforce and Legal Services) has been in ongoing contact with the West Midlands Local Government Association (WMLGA) to obtain the required information. Over this period the WMLGA has been working to reconstitute the Provincial Council and bring about some impetus to re-launch the group which had recently lost its direction. Given the group is in the process of being re-launched it is considered appropriate to make a nomination to it for the 2008/9 Municipal Year and review the position with the body in twelve months time; this is reflected in the recommendation set out above.