
Report to
Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

18th February, 2009

Report of
Cllr Andrew Williams

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

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 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. The Authority is politically balanced across the West Midlands Metropolitan County

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.
- 3.2 The Local Transport Act 2008 will make changes to the power of the Passenger Transport Authority, subject to further legislation.
- 3.3 The Act will see the six transport authorities become Integrated Transport Authorities equipped with a range of options to exercise greater influence over the provision of bus services in their areas.
- 3.4 The 'toolkit' will include voluntary partnership agreements, statutory quality partnership schemes, and quality contracts (bus franchising) scheme

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 Lead Member for Diversity and Equality and one is Leader of the Opposition

5 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

5.1 Coventry City Council's representatives on the West Midlands Passenger Transport Authority are Councillors Williams, McNicholas and Councillor Mrs Dixon until May, 2008, and Councillor Crookes from May, 2008. During the period from January 2008 and December 2008 inclusive Councillor Mrs Dixon attended 9 out of a possible 10 meetings and the allowance was £1,930.30. Councillor Williams attended 19 out of 22 meetings and the allowance was £11,224.16. Councillor McNicholas also attended 19 out of 22 meetings and the allowance was £15,658.88. Councillor Crookes attended 5 out of a possible 9 meetings, and the allowance was £1,845.52.

List of background papers

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