
Report to

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

Report of

Councillor Kevin Foster & Councillor Hazel Noonan.

Title

Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – Coventry and Solihull Waste Disposal Company Ltd, Shareholders Panel.

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 This report sets out details of the work of the Coventry and Solihull Waste Disposal Company Ltd, Shareholders Panel over the preceding twelve months, together with details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee are asked:
- to endorse the continued involvement in this outside body.

3 Information on Work of Outside Body

- 3.1 Coventry and Solihull Waste Disposal Company Ltd (CSWDC) is an arms length Local Authority Waste Disposal Company (LAWDC), wholly owned by Coventry City Council (66% shareholding) and Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council (33% shareholding).
- 3.2 CSWDC was formed in 1994 to operate and maintain the Energy from Waste (EfW) plant on Bar Road, Coventry, on behalf of the two shareholding authorities.
- 3.3 In addition to operating the 240,000 tonne capacity EfW plant, CSWDC also operates Coventry's civic amenity site.
- 3.4 The Shareholders Panel are mandated to oversee the operation of CSWDC as an arms length company, approve the company's budget, approve the company's future business plans and monitor the company's performance against key performance indicators.
- 3.5 The Shareholders Panel meets four times in a municipal year. Two of these meetings are formal meetings where the budget is approved and performance is monitored. The other two meetings are held as informal meetings where future development of CSWDC is considered.

4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment

4.1 The benefits to Coventry City Council of the appointments to the Shareholders Panel are as follows:

- governance of CSWDC in accordance with the shareholder agreement;
- local accountability for waste disposal arrangements;
- continued successful operation of the EfW through effective performance monitoring.

5 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

5.1 The Coventry City Council representatives on CSWDC are Councillors Noonan, Townshend and Councillor Foster (from May 2008) and Councillor O'Neill (up to May 2008). In the period from January 2008 to December 2008 inclusive, two meetings were held. Councillor Townshend attended both and Councillor Noonan attended one of the meetings. Councillors Foster and O'Neill each attended the one meeting that they were entitled to attend.

5.2 There is no remuneration associated with the appointment.

List of background papers

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