
Report to
Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

6th April 2011

Report of
Councillor Mutton

Title
Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies: Local Government Association - General Assembly 2010/2011

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 Local Government Association over the last twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the City Council should continue to send representatives to the Local Government Association General Assembly.

3 Information on Work of Outside Body

- 3.1 The Local Government Association (LGA) was created in 1997 to promote the interests of English and Welsh local authorities and is a voluntary lobbying organisation. The LGA aims to promote better local government and lobby and campaign for changes in policy, legislation and funding on behalf of its member councils and the people and communities that they serve.
- 3.2 The members of the LGA include county councils, metropolitan district councils, English unitary authorities, London boroughs, shire district councils and Welsh unitary authorities. The LGA also represents fire authorities, police authorities, national park authorities and passenger transport authorities.
- 3.3 The LGA has five key priorities for 2010/11 aimed at supporting local councils:
- Reputation – building and maintaining the national and local reputation of councils
 - Innovation and value for money – supporting councils to achieve greater efficiency and effectiveness

- Local democracy – ensuring that councils are at the forefront of greater local decision-making on spending priorities and decision making, and are leading improvement across the sector
- Economy – supporting councils to lead their communities to prosperity in the economic recovery
- Customer service – ensuring the LG group enhances the reputation of local government and delivers value for money

3.4 As a member of the Local Government Association the council has entitled to four representatives at General Assembly which meets once a year to hold its Annual General Meeting during the LGA Annual Conference and acts as the "parliament" of the LGA.

3.5 This municipal year the Local Government Association Assembly held its Annual General Meeting on 6 July 2010. Activity at the meeting included: the approval of accounts and appointments for the LGA; review of progress and the future challenges facing local government; and the election of the Chair and Vice Chairs of the Association.

4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment

4.1 The appointments to the LGA General Assembly provide Coventry City Council with a voice and the ability to understand and influence national policy issues through working with the other local authorities at a national level. The LGA is the principal lobbying organisation for the local government sector.

5 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

5.1 The Coventry City Council representatives on the LGA General Assembly are Councillors Mutton; Duggins; Taylor and Foster. Councillor Mutton is the Council's Lead Member on the LGA General Assembly and he was represented at the LGA General Assembly Annual Meeting on 6 July 2010 by Councillor Ann Lucas.

5.2 There is no remuneration associated with the appointment.

List of background papers

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Description of paper

Schedule of City Council Appointments to Outside Bodies
LGA Annual report 2010
LGA Annual accounts 2010

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