

Report to

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

6th April 2011

Report of

Councillor Mutton

Title

Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – West Midlands Joint Committee 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 West Midlands Joint Committee 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 make appointments to the West Midlands Joint Committee.

3 Information on Work of Outside Body

- 3.1 The West Midlands Joint Committee was set up in 1985 following the dissolution of the West Midlands County Council by the seven metropolitan district councils of the West Midlands: Birmingham, Coventry, Dudley, Sandwell, Solihull, Walsall and Wolverhampton. Formally constituted under the powers given under the Local Government Act 1972, and updated by the Local Government Act 2000, the West Midlands Joint Committee is responsible for a range of specific strategic functions that were formerly undertaken by the West Midlands County Council.
- 3.2 The Joint Committee comprises seven voting members, one from each metropolitan district council. Key functions of the Joint Committee include: making nominations and appointments to a number of regional bodies; exercising the Districts' powers and rights as shareholders of Birmingham International Airport and the co-ordination of actions on important issues and to communicate these to central Government and other influential bodies. Specific areas of activity include consultation and co-operation on matters affecting the seven districts with the West Midlands Joint Authorities including the West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority, West Midlands Police Authority and the West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority.

3.3 Coventry City Council's voting representative on the West Midlands Joint Committee is Councillor John Mutton, Leader of the Council. Councillor George Duggins and Councillor Ken Taylor are observer members. Councillor Duggins is the council's substitute voting member.

3.4 The West Midlands Joint Committee meets twice a year with its annual General Meeting held in June. In 2010/11 meetings have been held on 2 June 2010 and 26 January 2011.

4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment

4.1 The West Midlands Joint Committee is a formally constituted body that enables the West Midlands Metropolitan Districts to consider jointly key strategic issues and the allocation of funding that directly impacts on the people of Coventry. Under current Local Government arrangements it is vital that Coventry City Council is a member of the West Midlands Joint Committee.

5 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

5.1 The City Council's representatives on the West Midlands Joint Committee are Councillor Mutton; Councillor Duggins and Councillor Taylor. There have been two meetings held in 2010/11.

5.2 There is no remuneration associated with these appointments.

List of background papers

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Outside Bodies

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