



Coventry City Council

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## Public report

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**Report to**

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

15<sup>th</sup> June 2011

**Report of**

Councillor John Mutton

**Title**

Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – Coventry Solihull and Warwickshire Leaders Board

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### 1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 At their meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> 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 Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Leaders Board over the last twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

### 2 Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Council continues its membership of the Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Leaders Board.

### 3 Information on Work of Outside Body

- 3.1 The Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire (CSW) Leaders Board is made up of the Leaders of the eight local authorities in the sub-region: Coventry City Council; Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council; Warwickshire County Council; Warwick District Council; Rugby Borough Council; Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council; North Warwickshire Borough Council and Stratford District Council.
- 3.2 The CSW Leaders Board was set up to enable local authorities to provide strategic direction for the Coventry Solihull and Warwickshire sub-region; to address issues that require sub-regional consideration and action; and to encourage cross-boundary working; to share best practice and to ensure better use of resources including the provision of shared services.
- 3.3 A key task for the Board in 2010/11 was to develop the CSW Total Place Pilot to identify and explore areas where joint working would provide benefits to local people by improving delivery of services and increasing efficiency. A sub-regional programme of activity was developed and a range of projects are being progressed. Areas of activity include: Childrens' Services; HR/Learning development; procurement; Adult Social Care; assets and asset management and business transformation.

3.4 The CSW Leaders Board also considered other issues of strategic importance to the sub-region such as the proposals for the reform of the NHS and the expected impact of the recession and the Comprehensive Spending Review. The November meeting of the CSW Leaders Board was extended to include senior managers and representatives from a range of organisations at a sub-regional summit to consider the issues facing the sub-region and to agree priorities and ways of working for the future.

#### **4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment**

4.1 Membership of the Coventry Solihull and Warwickshire Leaders Board enables the City Council to influence and work with other local authorities within the sub-region on issues that need to be addressed at a sub-regional level and to work across local authority boundaries to identify and develop opportunities for making better use of public resources including the provision of shared services where this is appropriate.

#### **5 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment**

5.1 Council representation on the Coventry Solihull and Warwickshire Leaders Board for the 2010/11 municipal year was the Leader of the Council, Councillor John Mutton.

5.2 This year the Board meetings were held on 29 July 2010; 16 September 2010 and 25 November 2010. Councillor Mutton attended these meetings. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for 23 June 2011.

5.3 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

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