
Report to

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

15th June 2011

Report of

Councillor Lindsley Harvard

Title

Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – Coventry and Solihull Waste Disposal Company Limited Shareholders Panel 2010-2011

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 diarised as informal meetings where future development of CSWDC is considered. During 2010/11 both informal meetings have, by agreement of the chair, considered formal business to ensure that new articles of association and the appointment of directors could be 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 Harvard (Chair for 2010/11), Townshend and Noonan. Councillors Harvard and Noonan both attended the four meetings held and Councillor Townshend attended three of the four meetings held.
- 5.2 There is no remuneration associated with the appointment.

List of background papers

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