

Council

11 October 2016

**Name of Cabinet Member:**

Cabinet Member for Policy and Leadership – Councillor G Duggins

**Executive Director Approving Submission of the report:**

Executive Director of Resources

**Ward(s) affected:**

Not Applicable

**Title:**

**Appointments of the City Council - West Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership**

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**Is this a key decision?**

No

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**Executive Summary:**

This report seeks approval to appoint a City Council representative to the West Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership.

**Recommendations:**

That the City Council appoints Councillor Mrs Bigham to the West Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership.

**List of Appendices included:**

None

**Useful background papers:**

None

**Has it or will it be considered by Scrutiny?**

No

**Has it, or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel or other body?**

No

**Will this report go to Council?**

Yes – 11th October 2016

## **Report title: Appointments of the City Council – West Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership**

### **1. Context (or background)**

- 1.1. Strategic Migration Partnerships (SMPs) are local authority-led partnerships which provide structures and forums of engagement for dealing with migration at a local, national and regional level.
- 1.2. SMPs bring together senior representatives from Local Government, Home Office, national government, statutory, voluntary and community and private sectors. These unique cross-sector partnerships with political oversight, support, discuss and represent national and local needs to ensure that migration is managed to benefit all in the UK.
- 1.3 The West Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership (WMSMP) is one of twelve Migration Partnerships across the UK that were established following the introduction of a regional dispersal policy in 1999 for people seeking asylum. Since then the West Midlands Partnership has developed in response to changes in dispersal and migrant patterns, numbers and policy requirements. In 2007, the core activities of the partnerships were broadened to cover the wider migration agenda and their impacts on local areas. This included economic migration and consideration of how the region could benefit.
- 1.4 Coventry City Council is requested to nominate one representative of the Authority to sit on the Board of the WMSMP with immediate effect and until end April 2017, after which the Partnerships Governance Arrangements, including the terms of office for future appointments, are being reviewed.

### **2. Options considered and recommended proposal**

- 2.1 It is proposed that the City Council be represented on the Board by the appointment of Councillor Mrs Bigham.

### **3. Results of consultation undertaken**

- 3.1 Not applicable

### **4. Timetable for implementing this decision**

- 4.1 The appointment will take effect from the date of the Council Meeting.

### **5. Comments from the Executive Director of Resources**

- 5.1 Financial implications

Not applicable

- 5.2 Legal implications

Not applicable

### **6. Other implications**

Not applicable

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