

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee

Council

Date of Committee

17 May 2005

Report Title

Appointment to external bodies

Summary

The enclosed report sets out those external bodies to which the Council appoints members. These are the key strategic organisations. Other appointments are made by Regulatory Committee or, if an organisation is specific to a local area, by the appropriate Area Committee. The Council is requested to agree the appointment of representatives to these bodies.

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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework?

No.

Background papers

None

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:-

Details to be specified

- Other Committees
- Local Member(s) N/A
- Other Elected Members
- Cabinet Member
- Chief Executive David Carter – reporting officer.....
- Legal Jane Pollard -
- Finance
- Other Chief Officers
- District Councils

- Health Authority
- Police
- Other Bodies/Individuals

FINAL DECISION YES

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:

Details to be specified

- Further consideration by this Committee
- To Council
- To Cabinet
- To an O & S Committee
- To an Area Committee
- Further Consultation

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Appointment to External Bodies

Report of the County Solicitor & Assistant Chief Executive

Recommendation

That the County Council appoints/nominates to the bodies listed.

1.0 Appointment to external organisations

1.1 Warwickshire Police Authority

Remit:

This is an independent public authority created by the Police & Magistrates Courts Act 1994 and consolidated by the Police Act 1996. The key statutory duty is to secure an efficient and effective police force in Warwickshire. The Authority provides strategic direction, scrutiny of force performance and reflection of community views in the nature and style of local policing.

Membership

9 County Councillors appointed to reflect the political balance of the political groups on the Council.

1.2 Local Government Association, County Councils Network and associated bodies

Remit

The Local Government Association (LGA) was formed in 1997 and represents local authorities in England and Wales. The Association exists to promote better local government and one of the ways it does this is through lobbying

Membership

Councillors: 4 – appointed to reflect the political balance of the groups on the Council.

The Council is invited to appoint 4 councillors and to allocate votes to each councillor (to total 4)

These Members will be invited to the Annual Meeting of the General Assembly of the LGA on Tuesday 5 July 2005 (substitutes are allowed). Observers (including officers) are also allowed at the Annual Meeting. There is one other meeting of the General Assembly on 12 December 2005.

The same Members are appointed to the **County Councils Network** (a group representing the interests of County Councils on the LGA)

The County Council may also nominate to the membership of the following bodies. (Formal appointment is made by the LGA):

LGA Community and Well-Being Board (formerly the Social Inclusion Executive) – 1 Councillor

LGA Rural Commission – 1 Councillor

LGA Urban Commission – 2 Councillors (5 votes)

LGA Tourism Forum – 1 Councillor

LGA Fire Forum – 1 Councillor

1.3 **West Midlands Local Government Association Council (WMLGA) and West Midlands Regional Assembly (WMRA)**

Remit

This body was formed in 1997 and represents the interests of the 38 local authorities within the West Midlands. As well as being a lobbying organisation it provides a mechanism for local authorities to work together on a regional basis.

Membership

The WMLGA Executive (in February 2005) agreed changes to the representation on the WMLGA Council and the Regional Assembly. These changes include a new provision that there be common membership of the WMLGA Council and the WMRA. This means that nominations for membership of the WMRA should also be nominations for the WMLGA. Meetings of both bodies will be held on the same day.

The Council is therefore invited to nominate **3 members** (a reduction from the previous 5) and to allocate **5 votes** allocated in accordance with the political balance on the Council. The three members will also be nominated to the WMRA.

The Council is also invited to nominate **3 alternate (substitute) members**.

1.4 WMLGA Provincial Council

Remit

Provides an interface between local authorities as employers and the trade unions.

Membership

The WMLGA has also changed the arrangements for Employers Side membership of the new Provincial Council. The Council is now asked to appoint just **one** member (rather than 3). That Member will carry **5 votes**.

Authorities have been urged by the WMLGA to:

- 'Nominate a member who has knowledge and experience of the employment, industrial relations and people management agenda and could therefore make a contribution to the work of the Provincial Council. It is possible that this representative may not necessarily be a member of the majority/ruling party.
- Require the representative to make a quarterly report to the authority and establish liaison arrangements with the lead HR member, if this is not the Provincial Council representative'.

The Council meets three times a year (normally July, November and March) but if unable to attend a substitute may be sent. The Council may wish to appoint a formal named substitute.

1.5 West Midlands Regional Assembly Planning Partnership

Remit

This was established in 2003 and includes membership from local government and other stakeholders. It has powers regarding planning issues delegated from the full assembly (although members do not have to be members of the assembly).

Membership

There are no changes to the membership arrangements for this. The Council is invited to nominate **3 members** and **3 alternate members** and to allocate **5 votes** (no more than 3 votes for one member).

1.6 Fire and Rescue Service- Regional Management Board for the West

Midlands Region

Remit

The board is a joint advisory committee, with membership from each authority: West Midlands, Shropshire, Hereford and Worcester, Staffordshire and Warwickshire.

Membership

The County Council has 3 places on the Board and may appoint 3 alternates.

1.7 Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Sub-Regional Forum

Remit

The Forum aims to promote the social and economic regeneration, environmental (including spatial planning and transport) and educational interests of the sub-region. Secretarial support rotates between the authorities and is currently provided by Warwickshire County Council.

Membership

There are 22 members from the local authorities in the sub-region and regular invitees include MPs, MEPs and Chief Executive of the CSW Partnership Ltd.

The Council is invited to appoint 4 Members.

1.8 Warwickshire Waste Management Forum

Remit

The Forum discusses common waste issues and inputs into the development of the Warwickshire Waste Strategy.

Membership

County Councillors - 5 (plus one member from each district/borough)

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