

**Coventry & Warwickshire Joint Committee  
16 January 2015**

**Item 3 – Matter arising from  
Minutes of Meeting held on 21 November 2014 – Minute 68**

Minute 68 of the meeting held on 21 November 2014 refers to the Joint Committee agreement, in general, to the recommendations contained in a presentation to the meeting entitled 'Getting the Best for Coventry and Warwickshire'. The Chair of the LEP explained the need to keep the process running to secure additional funds for the sub-region, irrespective of the broader picture.

Subsequent to the meeting, further work took place on the detail required to make the proposal work. The LEP has considered a proposal to move forward and, in December, the LEP Chair and Chief Executive wrote to Council Leaders and Chief Executives respectively setting out the proposal and asking for representatives to be nominated by the Joint Committee to a Joint Operational Group comprising both LEP and Joint Committee representatives and also for District Council representation on a new Executive Group, reporting into the Operational Group.

In order to ensure that momentum was not lost, however, the Chair of the LEP organised a meeting of the Operational Group on 12 January and invited a number of Leaders and Chief Executives to represent the Joint Committee until such time as the Joint Committee had decided on its representation.

A final decision on that representation will require further consideration by the Joint Committee, as linked to it will be other decisions, eg, long-term arrangements for Chair and Vice-Chair arrangements on the Joint Committee.

In order to make progress, it is recommended:-

- (a) That a report be brought to the next meeting of the Joint Committee to enable Members to determine representation on the Operational Group and any changes that will need to be made to its own arrangements, including Chairing arrangements;
- (b) That, in the interim, representation on the Operational Group be agreed as Councillors Lucas, Seccombe, Mobbs and the Chief Executives of Warwickshire County Council, Coventry City Council and Stratford on Avon District Council;
- (c) That the proposal for representation on the Executive Group be agreed, subject to the District Council representation of one being kept under review; and
- (d) That the appointment of Councillor Chris Saint as the second District Council representative on the LEP be noted.

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13 January 2015