



Report to: Cabinet, 21st March 2017

Report of: Chairman of Scrutiny Committee

Subject: SCRUTINY REVIEW – IMPACT OF INDIVIDUAL ELECTORAL REGISTRATION

1. Recommendation

1.1 That the Cabinet consider the report and recommendations of the Review Group.

2. Background

2.1 The purpose of the review was to help inform policy development and future decision making by the Council regarding IER in Worcester City.

2.2 The Review Group members were:

- Councillor Matt Lamb, Chair
- Councillor Steve McKay
- Councillor Stephen Hodgson
- Councillor Louis Stephen

2.3 Scrutiny Committee met on 8th March 2017 and considered the report of the Review Group (**Appendix 1**). The Committee agreed the recommendations as set out in the report and below:

- a) The Council continues to fund the Individual Electoral Registration Administrator as the work undertaken by this post is vital to ensuring the register is kept accurate and that under represented groups continue to be engaged with and encouraged to register.
- b) The IER Administrator engages with all schools and colleges in Worcester to raise awareness and encourage students to register.
- c) Democracy week is linked more closely with raising awareness about registration with younger people
- d) The IER Administrator engages with large local employers in Worcester to raise awareness and encourage registrations
- e) More information about the role of a councillor and why people should get involved in the democratic processes of their local area should be made available on the Council's website and article in 'In the know'
- f) Registration information or guides to be provided to Cllrs so they use and give out to residents while out and about canvassing and during surgeries.

2.4 The Committee also recommended that it would be appropriate for Policy and Resources Committee to consider the report and recommendations.

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Background Papers: Scrutiny Committee Agenda 8th March 2017