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## **Assembly member shortlisted for national scrutiny award**

West Midlands Regional Assembly's business member Roger Trotman has been shortlisted for a national scrutiny award.

Roger, a business sector member representing the Engineering Employers Federation on the West Midlands Business Council has been nominated in the Scrutiny chair of the year category in the Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS) inaugural annual awards. The results of the awards will be announced at the CfPS conference on 10 June by local government minister John Healey MP.

He has been shortlisted for the award in recognition of his role as chair of the Assembly Access to Finance scrutiny review which examined how Advantage West Midlands (AWM) supported and enabled the provision of investment funding for small and medium enterprises.

Roger originally expressed an interest in this review because of the subject matter and subsequently has developed a wider interest in the role of scrutiny.

Roger said: "I am thrilled to be shortlisted for this award. It is nice knowing the role of a chair is so well appreciated. With the support, knowledge and experience of colleagues on the review panel, we have been able to highlight issues arising from our examination of AWM."

Cllr David S Smith, chairman of the Assembly said: "We are really pleased with Roger being shortlisted as he has proved himself a valuable asset to the scrutiny process and this is deserved recognition. This nomination also emphasises the important and effective role scrutiny plays in acting as a critical friend to AWM."

Shortlisted nominees will be considered by award judges for their exceptional contribution, demonstrating recognised leadership and enthusiasm in the promotion of scrutiny.

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**Notes to editors: Please find attached an image of Roger Trotman.**

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**Notes to editors:**

1. The West Midlands Regional Assembly ('the Assembly') represents a wide range of democratic, social and economic interests throughout the West Midlands region (comprising the historic counties of Herefordshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire and Worcestershire, and including the metropolitan area centred on Birmingham). The Assembly is made up of the membership of 100 nominated representatives: 68 local authority representatives, 16 representatives from the business sector and 16 other economic and social partners (trades unions, health, FE, HE, culture, housing associations, environment, parish councils, voluntary and community sector, black and minority ethnic community, disability, gender and faith communities).
2. The Assembly already provides a platform for organisations to consider matters of common concern through on: regional planning, transport, economic prosperity, sustainability, culture and Europe. The Assembly also supports regional policy forums and task groups on: social inclusion, faith, housing, life long learning/skills, health, rural and community safety/crime reduction.
3. The Assembly works in partnership with Advantage West Midlands (AWM) the regional development agency (RDA), the Government Office West Midlands (GOWM), Regional Action West Midlands (RAWM) the West Midlands Local Government Association (WMLGA) and other regional and local organizations from across the West Midlands region.
4. The Assembly is the Regional Planning Body, and is also responsible for scrutinising the operation of the region's RDA, Advantage West Midlands.

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