



# News Report

## from Philip Bradbourn MEP

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### **“Newly appointed AWM Chief is wrong”, says local Euro MP**

Conservative MEP for the West Midlands, Philip Bradbourn, has responded to the newly appointed Chairman of Advantage West Midlands. Mr Bradbourn, who is Local Government Spokesman for the Conservatives in the European Parliament, said “Sir Roy McNulty is wrong in his assessment of the use and value of Regional Development Agencies”.

Mr Bradbourn said:

**“Sir Roy McNulty’s view is predisposed on the fact that big is always beautiful. Until 1997 when the then Deputy Prime Minister, John Prescott, created regions from nothing, no one saw the need for them. Frankly, this is still the case, especially for Advantage West Midlands which has an appalling track record in delivering on its pledged objectives.**

**“Traditionally in this country the delivery of services has been carried out at the most local of levels. Just ask the people of Oswestry whether they think of themselves as part of the West Midlands and the answer you will get is a resounding ‘No’.**

**“In short, Regional Development Agencies are overly bureaucratic and irrelevant, adding little or nothing to the delivery of services for hard-pressed taxpayers. The sooner they and the other bodies which they have spawned are abolished the better.”**

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