
Report to
Council

9 December 2008

Report of
Director of Customer and Workforce Services

Title
Adjustment to Appointments to Outside Bodies

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To amend the appointments to Outside Bodies made at the City Council's Annual Meeting on 15 May 2008.

2 Recommendations

The Council is asked to

- 2.1 Approve the appointment of Barry Hastie as the Council representative to the board of Coventry Best for Business (Business Improvement District) with immediate effect.

3 Information and Background

- 3.1 At its Annual Meeting on 15 May 2008, the City Council nominated elected members to a series of outside and other bodies. Councillor Ridley, Cabinet Member for City Development, was nominated as the Council's representative to the board of Coventry Best for Business (Business Improvement District)
- 3.2 Following advice from the Council's Monitoring Officer it was deemed appropriate that Councillor Ridley should be replaced as the Council's nominated board representative to avoid the potential for recurring conflicts of interest, particularly with his Cabinet Member portfolio. As a result of this Councillor Ridley resigned from the board.

4 Proposal and Other Option(s) to be Considered

- 4.1 The proposed substitute director is Barry Hastie, the Council's Head of Financial Management. Barry Hastie has not had any direct involvement in the financial management of the BID company. In addition to Mr Hastie's financial expertise, he also has knowledge and experience of company operational requirements.

5 Other specific implications

5.1

	Implications (See below)	No Implications
Best Value		✓
Children and Young People		✓
Climate Change & Sustainable Development		✓
Comparable Benchmark Data		✓
Corporate Parenting		✓
Coventry Community Plan		✓
Crime and Disorder		✓
Equal Opportunities		✓
Finance		✓
Health and Safety		✓
Human Resources		✓
Human Rights Act		✓
Impact on Partner Organisations		✓
Information and Communications Technology		✓
Legal Implications	✓	
Neighbourhood Management		✓
Property Implications		✓
Race Equality Scheme		✓
Risk Management		✓
Trade Union Consultation		✓
Voluntary Sector – The Coventry Compact		✓

6 Legal Implications

- 6.1 Where a councillor has the potential for recurrent conflicts of interest and/or a prejudicial interest in a decision making capacity, it could impact on a councillor's duties and responsibilities both within the Council and the external company. This could give rise to concerns relating to transparency and impartiality and which could ultimately expose a decision to legal challenge.

7 Monitoring

- 7.1 A process for representatives nominated to outside bodies to report back to the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee on the work of that body is in place, this facilitates an annual review of the continuing value of each appointment to ensure that Council representation on outside bodies delivers mutual benefit and value.

	Yes	No
Key Decision		✓
Scrutiny Consideration (if yes, which Scrutiny meeting and date)		✓
Council Consideration (if yes, date of Council meeting)	9 th December, 2008	
<p>List of background papers</p> <p>Proper officer: Bev Messinger, Director of Customer and Workforce Services</p> <p>Author: Christine Forde Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer, Finance & Legal Services (Any enquiries should be directed to the above)</p> <p>Papers open to Public Inspection</p> <p>Description of paper Schedule of City Council Appointments to Outside Bodies</p> <p>Telephone 024 78683 1587</p> <p>Location CH59</p>		