

SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE

27th July, 2005

Members Present:- Councillor Clifford (Substitute for Councillor Patton)
Councillor Mrs. Dixon
Councillor Duggins
Councillor Field
Councillor Lee (Substitute for Councillor Williams)
Councillor McNicholas (Substitute for Councillor Mutton)
Councillor Ridge
Councillor Sawdon (Chair)

Employees Present:- G. Demidowicz (City Development Directorate)
C. Hinde (Director of Legal and Democratic Services)
C. Steele (Legal and Democratic Services Directorate)
A. Townsend (Legal and Democratic Services Directorate)

Apologies:- Councillor Mutton
Councillor Patton
Councillor Williams

44. Call-In Stage 1

The Committee noted that no call-ins had yet been received this week. The deadlines for call-ins for Cabinet and Cabinet Member decisions made during the week commencing 18th July, 2005, was 9.00 a.m. on Friday 29th July, 2005. Any call-ins received after this meeting and before the deadline would be considered for validity by the Chair of the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee in consultation with the Director of Legal and Democratic Services (Paragraph 5.4.5.25.4 of the City Council's Constitution refers).

45. Listed Buildings – Medieval Precinct Wall to the Charterhouse

Further to Minute 37/05, the Committee received an update on a meeting that had taken place with Bluecoat School to discuss repairs to the section of the Medieval Precinct Wall believed to be in the ownership of Bluecoat School. The Headteacher had indicated that he was awaiting a response from the Diocesan Lawyers on the issue and would respond to the City Council once this was received.

The Officer went on to explain the difference, in terms of legal process, with regard to listed structures and scheduled monuments. It was noted that the Department of Culture, Media and Sport were the only organisation able to take action with regard to scheduled monuments. The Medieval Precinct Wall to the Charterhouse was both a listed structure and a scheduled monument, the Officer advised that scheduled monument legislation takes precedent to the listed structure legislation; if the wall was only a listed building the City Council would have enforcement powers.

RESOLVED that the Officer be requested to write to the Department of Culture, Media and Sport and English Heritage to encourage them to take action in respect of the Medieval Precinct Wall to the Charterhouse.

46. **Outstanding Issues**

The Committee considered and noted a report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services that identified those issues on which further reports had been requested in order that Members could monitor progress.

With reference to item 4 on that report headed "Forward Plan" the Committee considered and noted a report of the Chief Executive which had been considered by the Cabinet the previous day. The report proposed changes to the forward plan mechanisms to enhance the effectiveness of Council decision making processes and workload planning.

47. **Scrutiny Board (2) City Academies Review Group**

With reference to Minute 35/05, the Committee noted that the following Members and outside representatives had indicated an interest in sitting on the Scrutiny Board (2) City Academies Review Group:-

Councillor Asif
Councillor Chater
Councillor Crookes
Councillor Mrs. Dixon
Councillor Field
Councillor Gazey
Councillor Mrs. Lacy
Councillor Ruddy
Councillor Mrs. Stone
Councillor Williams

Mr. Potter (Roman Catholic Representative)
Mrs. Wainscott (Church of England Representative)

John Vickers (Coundon Court Head)
Brian Worrall (Sidney Stringer Head)

The Committee were concerned that although the Head of Sidney Stringer, one of the two schools referred to in the expression of interest for two academies recently submitted to the DFES, the Head of Woodway Park, the other school referred to was not represented on the Group.

RESOLVED that the Committee note those members and outside representatives who had indicated an interest in sitting on the Scrutiny Board (2) City Academies Review Group and request that Officers approach the Head of Woodway Park to join the Group.