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**Report to**  
Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

12<sup>th</sup> October, 2005

**Report of**  
Councillor John Blundell

**Title**  
Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – Coventry Partnership for Youth

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### **1 Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 At their meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2005, the Cabinet approved a process of reporting back to the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee on the work of those outside bodies appointed to by the City Council. This reports sets out details of the work of the Coventry Partnership for Youth (COPY Board) over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

### **2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the City Council continue to send the cabinet member for children's services to this outside body until the board dissolves in March 2006.

### **3 Information on Work of Outside Body**

- 3.1 The Coventry Partnership for Youth (COPY board) was set up to over see the SRB5 programme. It is a multi-agency partnership, representing key players from across the city, working with and for young people. COPY is independent from Coventry City Council. In the case of the valuing young people scheme (SRB5) COPY drives the scheme delivery forward, while the City Council plays the accountable body function.

- 3.2 COPY's current functions include:

- Agree the key issues and objectives of rollover delivery plans.
- Undertake primary project appraisal, putting in place key indicators and agree contingency arrangements where appropriate.
- Consider the scheme's performance against key indicators and agree contingency arrangements where appropriate.
- Consider the interim reports produced by the evaluation project team and agree measures to respond to recommendations made.
- Consider reports of the COPY Management Team and agree measures in response to the recommendations made.
- Act as champion for young people in Coventry.
- Monitor progress towards the achievement of the scheme's strategic objectives and succession strategy.

- ❑ Constantly monitor local, regional and national policy change or new initiatives with a view to ensuring that the scheme develops appropriate linkages to other relevant initiatives.
- ❑ Making decisions on the evolution of the SRB funded programme, including project changes and the switching of resource between projects.
- ❑ Identify and promote linkages with other related initiatives, to promote a joined up approach.
- ❑ Ensure spend to budget until 31.03.06.
- ❑ Maximise impact of the scheme.

3.3 The COPY board is now in its finally year with SRB5 funding ceasing in March 2006. Therefore many of the above functions that the board has performed are minimised. Projects have been encouraged to develop succession strategies to deal with the fall out of SRB5 funding with some mainstreamed into services. The final evaluation of the scheme is underway and a report will be presented to Advantaged West Midlands and the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership in March 2006. The expertise and knowledge gained by the COPY Board will feed into new arrangements through the Coventry Partnership and more specifically the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership, which the Chair of COPY is, already a member.

#### **4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment**

4.1 The appointment provides the City Council with a voice and the ability to influence decisions on the board. Also to work in partnership with representatives from across the public/private/voluntary sectors in delivering the valuing young people scheme and providing the best opportunities for young people in Coventry.

#### **5 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment**

5.1 The City Council appoints to two places on the COPY Board, one Member position and one Officer position. Councillor Blundell is the Member nominee, the Officer position is allocated to the Director of Education and Libraries or nominee. In the last 12 months there have been 4 meetings of the COPY Board, Councillor Blundell has attended three of these, the nominee of the Director of Education and Libraries has attended one of these.

5.2 There is no remuneration for the appointment.

#### List of background papers

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