

SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE

23rd November, 2005

Members Present:- Councillor Mrs. Dixon
Councillor Duggins
Councillor Field
Councillor Mutton
Councillor Patton
Councillor Ridge
Councillor Sawdon (Chair)
Councillor Williams

Co-opted
Member Present:- Councillor Clifford

Cabinet Member
Present:- Councillor Ridley (Cabinet Member (Adult Education, Libraries,
Sport and Leisure))

Employees Present:- P. Barnett (Legal and Democratic Services Directorate)
R. Hughes (Head of Corporate Policy)
C. Steele (Legal and Democratic Services Directorate)
A. Townsend (Legal and Democratic Services Directorate)

120. Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 26th October and 2nd November, 2005, were signed as a true record.

121. Call-Ins Stage 1

The Committee noted that no call-ins had been received yet this week. The deadline for call-ins for Cabinet and Cabinet Member decisions made during the week commencing 14th November, 2005, was 9.00 a.m. on Friday 25th November, 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).

122. Report Back on Conference – WMLGA Overview and Scrutiny Network Event – "The Relationship Between Scrutiny and the Executive" held on 14th October, 2005, in Stoke-on-Trent

The Committee considered and noted a briefing note of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services that set out details of the above event which had taken the form of workshops and facilitated plenary sessions. The event had provided an opportunity to pool ideas between authorities as to how the relationship between Scrutiny and the Executive might be improved.

123. Report Back on Work of Outside Bodies – Coventry Sports Trust

The Committee considered a report of the Cabinet Member (Adult Education, Libraries, Sport and Leisure) which set out the details of the work of the Coventry Sports Trust over the previous twelve months and included attendance records for the City Council's representatives at meetings of the Trust.

The Committee went on to consider a request by the Sports Trust that consideration be given to not appointing the relevant Cabinet Member to the Trust in the future due to potential conflicts of interest. The Cabinet Member confirmed that he would still be involved with the Trust and work closely with them even if he was not a Director. The Committee felt that this was an issue which should be considered by the Controlling Group when appointments to outside bodies are made.

The Committee went on to discuss whether the Sports Trust had been effective in meeting the aims set when it was established. The Cabinet Member indicated that work was ongoing with the Sports Centre Strategy/Sports Centre Development and that the position of the Trust would be examined during the course of this work and information included in the associated report.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) That the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that the Controlling Group give careful consideration to the appropriateness of the appointment of the relevant Cabinet Member to the Coventry Sports Trust.**
- (2) That the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee request that the report on the Sports Centre Strategy/Sports Centre Development be submitted to this Committee before its consideration by Cabinet.**

124. Report Back on the Work of Outside Bodies – Museum of British Road Transport

The Committee considered a report of the Cabinet Member (Adult Education, Libraries, Sport and Leisure) that set out details of the work of the Museum of British Road Transport over the previous twelve months and included attendance records for the City Council's representatives at meetings of the Museum Board. The Committee questioned the Cabinet Member on aspects of the report, in particular if visitor numbers at the Museum had been affected by the works to create a road under the Whittle Arch.

RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that the City Council continue to appoint to the Board of the Museum of British Road Transport.

125. Report Back on the Work of Outside Bodies – West Midlands Local Government Association Overview and Scrutiny Network

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Sawdon that set out the details of events held by the West Midlands Local Government Association Overview and Scrutiny Network over the previous twelve months and included attendance records for both officers and Members at the events.

RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that the City Council no longer formally appoint to the West Midlands Local Government Association Overview and Scrutiny Network, but that instead the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee authorise individual Members to attend and report back on each event organised by the Network.

126. Report Back on the Work of Outside Bodies – West Midlands Local Government Association Regional Planning Partnership

The Committee considered a report of the Cabinet Member (Urban Regeneration and Regional Planning) that set out details of the work of the West Midlands Local Government Association Regional Planning Partnership over the previous twelve months and included attendance records for the City Council's representatives at meetings of the Partnership. The Committee were concerned that the attendance records for the City Council's representatives were poor.

RESOLVED:-

(1) That the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that the City Council continue to appoint to the West Midlands Local Government Association Regional Planning Partnership.

(2) That the City Council's representatives be encouraged to attend meetings of the West Midlands Local Government Association Regional Planning Partnership.

127. Report Back on the Work of Outside Bodies - Coventry Transport Users Advisory Committee

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Cliffe that set out details of the Coventry Transport Users' Advisory Committee and its recent replacement (the Coventry Transport Users Forum) over the previous twelve months and included attendance records for the City Council's representatives at meetings of these bodies.

The Committee noted that there was no requirement to formally appoint to the Coventry Transport Users' Forum but that City Council appointees to the West Midlands Passenger Transport Authority were encouraged to attend meetings. The Committee felt that all Elected Members should be encouraged to attend the Forum.

RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that although appointments need no longer be made to the Coventry Transport Users' Forum all elected members, and in particular, City Council representatives on the West Midlands Passenger Transport Authority, be encouraged to attend meetings of the Forum.

128. Outstanding Issues

The Committee noted that there were currently no outstanding issues.

129. Work Programme 2005/2006

The Committee considered and noted the work programme for the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee for 2005/2006.