
Report to
Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

11th January, 2006

Report of
Councillor Mrs Johnson

Title
Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – Bond's Hospital Estate Charity Trustees

1 Purpose of the Report

1.1 At their meeting on 10th 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 Bond's Hospital Estate Charity Trustees over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

2 Recommendations

2.1 I would recommend that the appointment of a Councillor should continue to be made to this organisation. Their "Scheme" as approved by the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales states that Coventry City Council must appoint "nominated" trustees. Therefore, a failure to appoint "nominated" trustees would put this Charity in breach of its approved scheme.

3 Information on Work of Outside Body

3.1 The Charity obtains income from:-

- (a) the ownership and letting of a mix of commercial properties such as farms and retail sites.
- (b) seeking good investment properties to replace those which have been sold.
- (c) returns on stock market investments

3.2 During 2004/5 some of this income has been used to build an extension to Bond's Hospital and refurbish the existing buildings such that the accommodation has been increased from 17 beds and 1 flat to 41 en-suite flats. Other properties in the portfolio have been improved and renovated.

4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment

4.1 Whilst membership of the Trust does allow the Council influence over how the funds of this Trust are used there are no direct benefits to the City Council from the appointment. However, the work of the Trust to provide provision of housing does contribute to corporate

objectives regarding the provision of a choice of housing for residents of the city and encourages independent living.

5 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

5.1 Councillor Mrs Johnson, Mrs S Forte and Mr R Richardson are the City Council's representatives on the Bonds Hospital Estate Charity Trustees. Over the past twelve months there have been 3 meetings of the Charity Trustees, Councillor Mrs Johnson has attended 2 of these (having been appointed to the Charity in May Mrs Johnson was only entitled to attend 2 meetings), Mrs Forte has attended 2 and Mr Richardson has attended 1; Mr Richardson has recently been unwell and the Charity has indicated he is usually a good attender.

5.2 There is no remuneration associated with the appointment.

List of background papers

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