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**Report to**  
Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

15<sup>th</sup> February, 2006

**Report of**  
Councillor Mrs Rutter

**Title**  
Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – Groundwork (Coventry)

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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 Groundwork (Coventry) over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

### **2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the City Council continues to appoint two Members and one Officer to the Groundwork Board to monitor and contribute to the very excellent work carried out by Groundwork.

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

- 3.1 Groundwork strive to make the environment a better place for all. Their work encompasses making factories more environmentally friendly and in the process saving them money, playgrounds that teach children to think, challenge them to be physically fit, appreciate wildlife and own and value their school.
- 3.2 Groundwork work to create green and friendly places from rundown antisocial blights on the landscape. Site visits are very rewarding, the change is remarkable, places that were shunned are now well used and communities are growing.

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

- 4.1 One of Groundwork's latest projects is to work on two sites in the Stoke area of the City, both are at the moment no go areas for families. Groundwork have the experience and expertise to transform them into places to be enjoyed by local people and their children. If past schemes of the like are anything to go by they encourage a sense of ownership in the community and discourage anti social behaviour.
- 4.2 Having a representative on the Board enables the Council to have a voice in the decision making involved in projects undertaken by Groundwork.

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

- 5.1 Councillors Mrs Rutter and Patton are the City Council's representatives on the Groundwork (Coventry) Board of Trustees, Councillor Patton replaced Councillor

McNicholas on the Board at the City Council's Annual Meeting in May, 2005. There have been 5 meeting of the Board of Trustees over the twelve months January to December, 2005, of these meetings Councillor Mrs Rutter has attended 0, Councillor Patton attended 1 (eligible to attend 2 meetings) and Councillor McNicholas attended 1 (eligible to attend 2 meetings). Carl Pearson is the City Council's Officer representative on the Board of Trustees, of the 5 meetings held over the past twelve months Carl has attended 4.

5.2 There is no remuneration associated with the appointment.

#### List of background papers

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