
Report to
Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

22nd February, 2006

Report of
Councillor Charley

Title
Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – Whitefriars Housing Group

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 Whitefriars Housing Group 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 appoint elected members to serve on the various committees' and main board of this outside body.

3 Information on Work of Outside Body

- 3.1 The association's principle activities are the development and management of Social housing lettings. Activities recently undertaken by Whitefriars includes:-
- Develop the business to ensure they are "fit for purpose" within an increasingly changing and competitive housing market.
 - Having successfully bid for a housing development grant in partnership with Coventry City Council to build four 3 bedroom semi-detached houses in Tile Hill, the first new build scheme by Whitefriars.
 - Planning permission for a further 31 units in the area including much needed 2 bedroom bungalows for the elderly.
 - Proposals to undertake regeneration work in the difficult to let Hillside Meadway and Valley Road area of Stoke Heath, with agreement with Wates to redevelop a mix of 269 properties for rent and open market sale.
 - Site clearance commenced in Hillfields, with the first of the eight tower blocks to make way for the ambitious Swanswell regeneration project, being undertaken in partnership with major stakeholders in the city including Coventry City Council.

- At the new deal for community's area (Wood End, Henley Green, Manor Farm and Deedmore Estates) a master planning exercise involving the whole community was undertaken to shape the future design of the estates.

4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment

- 4.1 There are clear synergies between the objectives of Whitefriars and Coventry City Council, with regards to social housing lettings, and the development and regeneration of sites. Having representatives from the Council on the board facilitates effective communication links between both organisations.

5 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

- 5.1 The City Councils representatives are appointed to various Whitefriars Boards/Committees, attendance records for these are set out below:-

Councillor	Board/Committee	Attendance Record
Councillor Asif	Services Board North Board Finance Committee Property Investment Committee	2 meetings out of 8 2 meetings out of 8 3 meetings out of 4 1 meeting out of 1
Councillor Charley	Services Board South Board Finance Committee	5 meetings out of 8 8 meetings out of 9 3 meetings out of 4
Councillor Mrs Dixon	Services Board North Board Human Resources Committee	3 meetings out of 8 4 meetings out of 8 0 meetings out of 3
Councillor Mrs Johnson	Services Board South Board Repairs Committee Property Investment Committee	6 meetings out of 8 9 meetings out of 9 1 meeting out of 2 1 meeting out of 1
Peter Lacy	Services Board South Board Human Resources Committee	7 meetings out of 8 7 meetings out of 9 3 meetings out of 3
Councillor Ruddy	Services Board North Board Repairs Committee Housing Operations Committee	5 meetings out of 8 7 meetings out of 8 0 meeting out of 2 1 meeting out of 1

- 5.2 There is no remuneration associated with the appointment.

List of background papers

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