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**Report to**  
Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

29<sup>th</sup> March, 2006

**Report of**  
Councillor M Noonan

**Title**  
Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – Tansley Charity Trust

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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 Tansley Charity Trust over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

### **2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 As the Trust awards a significant number of grants to the citizens of Coventry each year, I consider that it is important to keep the level of involvement as present. It also brings to light the problems of some of the most vulnerable people in our society, and how we can provide help and assistance.

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

- 3.1 The Tansley Charity Trust is a registered charity administered by the City Council and is run by a Board of Trustees.
- 3.2 The objectives of the Trust are to relieve, either generally or individually, aged/infirm women resident in the City of Coventry (or, where appropriate, immediately outside the City) who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress. This is by making grants of money or providing or paying for items, services or facilities to reduce the need, hardship or distress. For the purposes of this Trust 'aged' is deemed to be any woman aged 50 years or over.
- 3.3 The total current assets are £93,379.22 (as at 2004/5), and in my opinion are well managed and administered. During the 2004/05 financial year grants to the total sum of £10,136.93 were awarded.

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

- 4.1 The membership of the Trust allows the Council to influence how the funds are used and supports the Corporate Objective of promoting health, independence and choice for all citizens.

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

- 5.1 The Lord Mayor (as an ex-officio appointment), Councillor Auluck, and myself are the City Council's representatives on the Tansley Charity Trust. There is one vacancy for a Council-appointed Trustee following the recent resignation of Mr E Linton. In addition, there are three Trustees appointed by the Cathedral and the representatives are currently Mrs Blackford, Mrs Rossiter and Mrs Weitzel.
  
- 5.2 The Trustees meet three times per year. The Lord Mayor has only been able to attend one meeting during the last year due to civic commitments. Councillor Auluck has attended one meeting. Mr Linton and myself have attended all three meetings.
  
- 5.3 There is no remuneration associated with the appointment.

List of background papers

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