
Report to
Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

19th April, 2006

Report of
Councillor Ken Taylor

Title
Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – Neighbourhood Renewal Fund Sub 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 the NRF sub-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 will continue to advise the NRF sub-group by providing support through five Councillors.

3 Information on Work of Outside Body

- 3.1 The NRF programme receives £5.3m a year of Government funding to support projects. The programme has run since 2001 and will continue through to 2008. The aim of NRF is improve the quality of life in priority neighbourhoods and communities in Coventry through improvements to health, education, environment, community safety, employment, equalities and communities and transport.
- 3.2 The NRF sub-group, chaired by Cllr O'Neill, of the Coventry Partnership is responsible for the strategic co-ordination of the programme in delivering the overall objectives of the scheme. Other partners on the board are representatives from the Teaching Primary Care Trust, West Midlands Police, CVSC and Community Empowerment Network. The NRF sub-group has just overseen the NRF Commissioning process that saw 31 new NRF projects commissioned to deliver the objectives of NRF.
- 3.3 Coventry City Council is the Accountable Body for the NRF sub-group of the Coventry Partnership. As the Accountable Body, the City Council enters into a funding agreement, on behalf of the Coventry Partnership, with Government Office for the West Midlands. As the accountable body the City Council agrees to take the risk for the money the Partnership allocates and spends in implementing its objectives.

4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment

- 4.1 The continued appointments to the NRF sub-group would:
- Provide a direct link between the NRF sub-group and City Council Accountable Body manager to ensure that the risk of breaching Government Office guidelines in the delivery of the scheme is minimised,
 - Ensure that the City Council as a partner can influence the decisions taken by the Board,
 - Ensure that the City Council can add value to the NRF programme through establishing strategic linkages between the Partnership and Council where necessary,
 - Provide a direct link between Cabinet and the NRF sub-group in terms of progress and performance updates.

5 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

- 5.1 Councillors O'Neill, Taylor, Ridley, Blundell and H Noonan are the City Council's representatives on the NRF sub-group. Over the past twelve months there have been 5 meetings of the Board of which Councillor Blundell has attended 4, Councillor H Noonan has attended 5, Councillor O'Neill has attended 5, Councillor Taylor has attended 4 and Councillor Ridley has attended 3.
- 5.2 There is no remuneration associated with the appointment.

List of background papers

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