
Report to
Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

19th April, 2006

Report of
Councillor Ms Hunter

Title
Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – Daimler Green Community Recreation Trust Ltd

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 Daimler Green Community Recreation Trust Ltd 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 to the Daimler Green Community Recreation Trust Ltd.
- 2.2 That a further report on developments with the Trust be presented to the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee in 6 months.

3 Information on Work of Outside Body

- 3.1 The Daimler Green community recreation trust has made some progress in the last year, however it has also received serious setbacks.

Progress to date

- 3.2 The trust has been established as a company limited by guarantee, and now has a memorandum and articles of association. Eight directors have been appointed to the trust and also two advisors. The trust has adopted its aims and objectives, and is in the process of applying for charity status, however this has been delayed while the trust CRB clearance for some trustees.
- 3.3 The playing field has been operational for football/cricket since August 2004. The field will be transferred to the trust (if the field is in suitable condition) on a 999 year lease at some point in the future, but for now remains in the ownership of advantage west midlands.

Setbacks

- 3.4 The trust has experienced serious setbacks in so far as the leisure facilities are concerned. It was anticipated that (subject to planning approval) that construction would begin on the leisure facilities in May 2005. To date these facilities were not under construction. The application went before planning committee last year, and was deferred until the 16th

February 2006. A petition against the associated retail development and residential accommodation by some Daimler Green residents and representatives of the residents association was presented to planning committee. They were represented and supported by Councillor Skipper. Jointly they requested refusal, consequently, this was the decision taken by planning committee a majority decision.

- 3.5 The application included a community centre building incorporating changing facilities and equipment store, an equipped play area and a floodlit multi use games area. The consequence of the refusal is that the trust at present has no leisure facilities to provide, other than the field, to local clubs, local residents and the surrounding area.

Summary

- 3.6 The next few months will be critical for the Trust, and it is my understanding that the developers are considering their position. Therefore it is difficult to report to the Scrutiny co-ordination committee the exact position, however to my knowledge the developers have not, to date re submitted an application. I believe it would be in the council's interests for the council to re appoint to the trust, however I believe a written update to the committee would be necessary in six months time.

4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment

- 4.1 A place on the trust is allocated to one Radford ward councillor in the Section 106 agreement associated with the Daimler Green development. Attendance at meetings allows input and consultation on issues affecting the trust and its running.

5 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

- 5.1 There is no remuneration associated with this appointment.

List of background papers

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