

**SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE**

**19th July, 2006**

Members Present:- Councillor Asif  
Councillor Charley (Substitute for Councillor Lee)  
Councillor Crookes (Substitute for Councillor Williams)  
Councillor Mulhall (Substitute for Councillor Duggins)  
Councillor Lakha (Substitute for Councillor Patton)  
Councillor Mutton  
Councillor Ridge  
Councillor Sawdon (Chair)

Cabinet Member Present:- Councillor Arrowsmith (Cabinet Member (Urban Regeneration and Regional Planning))

Employees Present:- R. Hughes (Head of Corporate Policy)  
C. Steele (Chief Executive's Directorate)  
C. Swann (Legal and Democratic Services Directorate)  
A. Townsend (Legal and Democratic Services Directorate)  
R. Young (City Development Directorate)

**Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Clifford, Duggins, Lee, Patton and Williams.

**23. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th July, 2006, were signed as a true record.

**24. Local Enterprise Growth Initiative (LEGI) – Three Year Programme Implementation**

Further to Minute 11(1)/06, the Committee considered a joint report of the Director of City Development and the Director of Finance and ICT, which had previously been considered by the Cabinet (their Minute 29/06 refers) and had been called in by Councillors Lakha, Mutton and Batten.

The report set out information in respect of Coventry's successful Local Enterprise Growth Initiative (LEGI) bid, requested approval for guaranteeing the LEGI Programme and explained the process for implementing the Programme. Accordingly, the Cabinet had authorised the City Development Directorate, on behalf of the City Council, to guarantee a LEGI Programme of £12.6m for the period 2006-2009 of which £2.8m related to 2006/7, £4.9m to 2007/8 and £4.9m to 2008/9. The Cabinet had also agreed that a LEGI Partnership Board should be established and gave authority to the Board to approve projects within the LEGI Programme, over the three year period, and agreed to renew the Council's commitment to the LEGI Programme on an annual basis and asked for an annual report on the progress and priorities of the Programme.

The Members calling in the report and the Committee questioned the Cabinet Member (Urban Regeneration and Regional Planning), who had attended the meeting for the consideration of this item, and the relevant officer on aspects of the report, and asked for particular details as to who the members of the LEGI Partnership Board were. Particular concerns were raised about how the views of Ward Councillors would be conveyed to the members of the LEGI Partnership Board.

**RESOLVED that the Committee:-**

- (1) Concur with the decisions of the Cabinet.**
- (2) Recommend that Ward Councillors be consulted as part of the investigation process/feasibility stage prior to the formal consideration by the Partnership Board of applications for grants under the LEGI Programme.**

**25. Call-Ins Stage 1**

The Committee noted that no call-ins had been received yet this week. The deadline for Cabinet and Cabinet Member decisions made during the week commencing 10th July, 2006, was 9.00 a.m. on Friday, 21st July, 2006. Any call-ins received after this meeting and before that deadline would be considered for validity by the Chair of the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee, in consultation with the Director of Legal and Democratic Services, (paragraph 5.4.5.25.4 of the City Council's Constitution refers).

**26. Reports Back on Conferences etc.**

The Committee noted the following:-

- (a) A report of the Leader of the Council (Councillor Taylor) summarising the benefits of his attendance at the Driving Improvement: Beyond CPA, LGA Improvement Conference and Exhibition held in Newcastle from the 28th February to 1st March, 2006.
- (b) A report of the Head of Corporate Policy on the attendance of Phil McGrahan, International Assistant, on his attendance at the West Midlands in Europe Skills Interface Conference held in Brussels, Belgium on the 25th and 26th April, 2006.

**27. Outstanding Issues**

The Committee noted that there were currently no outstanding issues.

**28. 2006/07 Work Programmes**

The Committee considered the Work Programme for 2006/07 and noted that the following issues would be considered at their meeting on the 9th August, 2006:-

- Cabinet Member Policy Plan
- CPA Report

- Outstanding Outside Body Report.

## 29. **Scrutiny Board (4) Work Programme**

Further to Minutes 14 and 20/06, the Committee considered the Work Programme of Scrutiny Board (4) (Community Services and Housing, Neighbourhoods, Equalities and Health).

**RESOLVED** that the Committee request that the appropriate officers ensure that the 'bed blocking' item be included in the Scrutiny Board (4) Work Programme.