
Report to
Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

20 September 2006

Report of
Councillor John Blundell – Cabinet Member (Children, Learning and Young People)

Title
Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – Belgrade Theatre Trust

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 **Belgrade Theatre Trust (Coventry) Limited** over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 I recommend that Coventry City Council continue to appoint two Councillors to the Board of Belgrade Theatre Trust.

3 Information on Work of Outside Body

- 3.1 Shortly after last years (2005) pantomime, the Belgrade Theatre closed to enable the construction work on the 2nd auditorium to get underway. This has not been without its problems and a decision was taken by the Belgrade Directors to delay the opening by several months into 2007; thus meaning for the first time in its history the Belgrade would not produce its annual pantomime.
- 3.2 Although the auditorium of the Belgrade has been closed, the Theatre has continued with its outreach work, which has meant continuity for the Belgrade's Community and Education programme.

4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment

- 4.1 Coventry City Council is a major sponsor of the Belgrade, which is a significant contributor of the cultural life of the city and an important vehicle to deliver educational programmes.

5 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

- 5.1 Councillors Blundell and Skipper are two City Council representatives on the Belgrade Theatre Trust. In the last 12 months there have been 8 scheduled meetings of the Trust Board of which Councillor Blundell has attended 6 and Councillor Skipper has attended 5. In addition, two extraordinary Board meetings were arranged both of which were attended by both of the City Council's representatives.
- 5.2 There is no remuneration for the appointment.

List of background papers

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Schedule of City Council Appointments to Outside Bodies