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**SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE**

20th September, 2006

Members Present:- Councillor Bains (Substitute for Councillor Patton)  
 Councillor Crookes (Substitute for Councillor Asif)  
 Councillor Duggins  
 Councillor Lee  
 Councillor Mutton  
 Councillor Ridge (Deputy Chair)  
 Councillor Sawdon (Chair)  
 Councillor Williams

Co-Opted  
 Member Present:- Councillor Clifford

Employees Present:- G. Carey (Head of Democratic Services)  
 C. Hinde (Director of Legal and Democratic Services)  
 U. Patel (Legal and Democratic Services Directorate)  
 C. Steele (Chief Executive's Directorate)

Apologies:- Councillor Asif  
 Councillor Patton

**46. Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings held on 9th and 30th August, 2006, were signed as true records.

**47. Call-Ins Stage 1**

The Committee noted that no call-ins had been received yet this week. The deadline for call-in of Cabinet and Cabinet Member decisions made during the week commencing 11th September, 2006, was 9.00 a.m. on Friday 22nd September, 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).

**48. Report Back on Conference – Local Government Information Unit, Good Practice Seminar – "Influential Scrutiny" – 13th June, 2006**

The Committee considered and noted a report of Councillor Crookes and Corinne Steele, Scrutiny Co-ordinator, which detailed the above seminar and the benefits of their attendance.

**49. Report Back on Conference - CfPS 4th Annual Conference, Scrutiny in an Evolving Public Services Landscape – 28th June, 2006**

The Committee considered and noted a report of Councillor Crookes which summarised the above conference.

**50. Report Back on Conference – 6th General Assembly of the Conference of Atlantic Arc Cities – 30th June, 2006 to 1st July, 2006**

The Committee considered and noted a report of the Leader of the Council, Councillor Taylor which summarised the above conference held between 30th June and 1st July, 2006. In considering the report, the Committee requested additional information on what benefits

were to be gained from joining this Assembly. The Committee noted that the Review of the Cabinet Member Strategic Plan, which would be considered by the Committee in December 2006 would provide greater detail on the Council's involvement and the benefits of being part of the Assembly.

51. **Report on the Work of Outside Bodies – Economic and Social Renaissance Sub-Board**

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Asif which detailed the work of the Economic and Social Renaissance Sub-Board over the previous 12 Months including attendance records for the City Council's representatives at the meetings of the Sub-Board.

Councillor Asif gave a brief background to the Sub-Board which is collectively responsible for the overseeing and determining the future direction of economic and social regeneration policies across the sub region, in particular the Coventry and Nuneaton Regeneration Zone and the benefits of attending these meetings.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (1) That the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that the City Council continue to make appointments to the Economic and Social Renaissance Sub-Board.**
- (2) That a further detailed report on the Sub-Board's budget be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee for further consideration.**

52. **Report on the Work of Outside Bodies – Local Government Information Unit – Management Committee**

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Asif which detailed the work of the of the Local Government Information Unit Management Committee over the previous 12 months and included details of attendance records for the City Council's representatives at the meetings of the Management Committee.

**RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that the City Council continue to make appointments to the Local Government Information Unit.**

53. **Report on the Work of Outside Bodies – William Proffitt's Charity**

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Asif which detailed the work of the William Proffitt's Charity over the proceeding 12 months and included details of attendance records for the City Council's representatives at the meetings.

The Committee requested additional information on what the Council's obligations were in relation to this charity and requested that the appointment of a Council representative on the charity be considered following the receipt of this information.

**RESOLVED that the consideration of this report be deferred until the additional information as requested above, has been submitted to the Committee.**

54. **Report on the Work of Outside Bodies – Soothern and Craner Educational Foundation**

The Committee considered a report of the Leader of the Council, Councillor Taylor which detailed the work of the Soothern and Craner Educational Foundation over the previous 12 months and included attendance records for the City Council's representatives at the meeting of the Foundation.

In view of the recommendations contained within the report which stated that consideration should be given to reducing the number of Council representatives, the Committee agreed to consider this in greater detail in terms of elected member representation, how much the Fund was worth and what sums were given out each year.

**RESOLVED that the consideration of the continued appointment of representatives to the Foundation be deferred until such time that a further report can be submitted to the Committee detailing the obligations to the City Council in appointing Council representatives to the Foundation, how much the Trust Fund was worth and what sums were given out each year.**

**55. Report on the Work of Outside Bodies – West Midlands Local Government Association – Council**

The Committee considered a report of the Leader of the Council, Councillor Taylor, which detailed the work of the West Midlands Local Government Association Council over the previous 12 months and included attendance records for the City Council's representatives at meetings of the Council.

**RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that the City Council continue to make appointments to the West Midlands Local Government Association Council.**

**56. Report Back on the Work of Outside Bodies – West Midlands Local Government Association – Regional Assembly**

The Committee considered a report of the Leader of the Council, Councillor Taylor, which detailed the work of the West Midlands Regional Assembly over the previous 12 months and included attendance records for the City Council's representatives at meetings of the Regional Assembly.

**RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that the City Council continue to make appointments to the West Midlands Local Government Association Regional Assembly.**

**57. Report Back on the Work of Outside Bodies – Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Sub-Regional Forum**

The Committee considered a report of the Leader of the Council, Councillor Taylor, which detailed the work of the Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Sub-Regional Forum over the last year and included attendance records for the City Council's representatives at the meetings.

**RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that the City Council continue to make appointments to the Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Sub-Regional Forum.**

**58. Report Back on the Work of Outside Bodies – Local Government Association – General Assembly**

The Committee considered a report of the Leader of the Council, Councillor Taylor, which detailed the work of the Local Government Association General Assembly over the previous 12 months and included attendance records for the City Council's representatives at meetings of the General Assembly.

**RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that the City Council continue to make appointments to the Local Government Association General Assembly.**

59. **Report Back on the Work of Outside Bodies – Governing Body of Henley College**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services which detailed the work of the Governing Body of Henley College over the proceeding 12 months and included attendance records for the City Council's representative at meetings of the Governing Body.

**RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that the City Council continue to make appointments to the Governing Body of Henley College.**

60. **Report Back on the Work of Outside Bodies – University of Warwick Science Park and Associated Companies**

The Committee considered a report of the Cabinet Member (Urban Regeneration and Regional Planning) which detailed the work of the University of Warwick Science Park and its associated companies and included attendance records for the City Council's representatives at the meetings.

**RESOLVED:-**

**(1) That the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that the City Council continue to make appointments to the University of Warwick Science Park and Associated Companies.**

**(2) That the Committee having been informed about recent developments in relation to the West Midlands Enterprise in the Science Park, requested further information on this.**

61. **Report Back on the Work of Outside Bodies – Belgrade Theatre Trust**

The Committee considered a report of the Cabinet Member (Children, Learning and Young People) which detailed the work of the Belgrade Theatre Trust (Coventry) Limited over the proceeding 12 months and included attendance records for the City Council's representatives at the meetings of the Trust.

**RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that the City Council continue to make appointments to the Belgrade Theatre Trust (Coventry) Limited.**

62. **Outstanding Issues**

The Committee noted that there were no outstanding issues for consideration.

63. **2006/07 Work Programmes**

The Committee considered and noted the work programme for the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee for 2006/07.

The Committee gave detailed consideration to members' attendance at meetings of other Scrutiny Boards and seminars and requested that a record of attendance for all Scrutiny Boards be submitted for consideration at their meeting on 27th September, 2006.