
Report to

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

25th October, 2006

Report of

Councillor Mrs Johnson – Cabinet Member (Human Resources, Corporate and Customer Services)

Title

Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – Bond's Hospital Estate Charity Trustees

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 Bond's Hospital Estate Charity Trustees over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

2 Recommendations

2.1 I would recommend that the appointment of a Councillor should continue to be made to this organisation. Their "Scheme" as approved by the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales states that Coventry City Council must appoint "nominated" trustees. Therefore, a failure to appoint "nominated" trustees would put this Charity in breach of its approved scheme.

3 Information on Work of Outside Body

3.1 The Charity obtains income from:-

- (a) the ownership and letting of a mix of commercial properties such as farms and retail sites.
- (b) seeking good investment properties to replace those which have been sold.
- (c) returns on stock market investments

3.2 During 2005/6 some of this income has been used to purchase, improve and renovate properties in the portfolio. The registration of all of the Charity's properties under the Land Registration Act 2000 has now been completed. A service in Holy Trinity followed by lunch in St. Mary's Guildhall marked the 500th anniversary of the Charity on March 18th 2006.

4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment

4.1 Whilst membership of the Trust does allow the Council influence over how the funds of this Trust are used there are no direct benefits to the City Council from the appointment. However, the work of the Trust to provide provision of housing does contribute to corporate objectives regarding the provision of a choice of housing for residents of the city and encourages independent living.

5 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

5.1 Councillor Mrs Johnson, Mrs S Forte and Mr Andrews are the City Council's representatives on the Bonds Hospital Estate Charity Trustees. During the period July 2005 and July 2006 there were 4 meetings held, two being held on the same day. Councillor Mrs Johnson attended 2 of the meetings, Mrs Forte attended 4 and no meetings have been held since Mr Andrew's appointment.

5.2 There is no remuneration associated with the appointment.

List of background papers

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