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**Report to**  
Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

25<sup>th</sup> October 2006

**Report of**  
Councillor Asif

**Title**  
Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – William Proffitt's Charity

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### **1 Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 At their meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> 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 William Proffitt's Charity over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

### **2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee is recommended that the appointment is no longer made to this organisation for the following reasons.

### **3 Information on Work of Outside Body**

- 3.1 The charity is one of the oldest in Coventry, dating back to circa 1550. The trustees meet once a year for fifteen minutes to distribute funds to local schools and churches in the ancient parish of Foleshill. During the last financial year the charity distributed £9394.00 in accordance with a set formula.

### **4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment**

- 4.1 Due to the limited funds and activities of the charity I believe there are negligible benefits for the City Council.

### **5 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment**

- 5.1 The City Council's representatives are Councillor Asif, former Councillor Mr Auluck and Mr W P Thompson. In the last twelve months there have been 2 meetings, of which Mr W P Thompson attended both and Councillor Asif and former Councillor Mr Auluck did not make an attendance at either.
- 5.2 Members receive no remuneration for the appointment.

List of background papers

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Schedule of City Council Appointments to Outside Bodies

## APPENDIX

### William Proffitt's Charity

#### Trustees

The scheme is governed by a Trust Deed of 17 July 1896, in relation to Trustees the deed states:-

"The body of Trustees shall consist of six competent persons, being –

Two Ex-officio Trustees and Four Representative Trustees

The Ex-officio Trustees shall be –

The representative vicars for the time being of St Lawrence, Foleshill and St Paul, Foleshill

The Representative Trustees shall be appointed by the Parish Council of Foleshill. Each appointment shall be made for a term of four years at a meeting convened and held according to the ordinary practice of the Parish Council. The Chairman of the meeting shall forthwith cause the name of each person appointed to be notified to the Trustees of their Clerk or Secretary. The persons appointed need not be members of the Parish Council."

The City Council and Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council jointly replaced the Parish Council of Foleshill in relation to the nomination of Representative Trustees as the area covered by the former Parish Council of Foleshill extended into each district. Current City Council nominated Representative Trustees are Councillor Asif, Mr W.P. Thomson and Mr Auluck, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council nominate one Trustee to the organisation – the combined nominations make up the required four Representative Trustees.

The Clerk to the Trustees has been contacted and has confirmed that the Trust Deed requires a total of four Representative Trustees and that these do not have to be elected members. The Trustees meet twice a year for approximately 15 minutes.

The report back on the work of William Proffitt's Charity recommends that appointments no longer be made to the organisation, legal advice is that if this option is pursued the Charity is likely to be in breach of its Trust Deed. If the City Council no longer wishes to nominate Trustees it may be more appropriate to seek to amend the Trust Deed to remove the requirement to appoint, it is possible this may be able to be achieved by agreement to change the Deed at a quorate meeting of the Trustees. As an alternative, or if agreement to change the Trust Deed cannot be reached, the City Council may wish to consider the appointment of interested non-elected members as Trustees.

#### Income/Expenditure

The Charity's income and expenditure since 1998, obtained from the Charity Commission website, is as follows:-

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Gross Income</b>	<b>Gross Expenditure</b>
1998/99	£2,072	£2,072
1999/00	£2,082	£2,082
2000/01	£2,024	£2,024
2001/02	£2,792	£2,792
2002/03	£2,435	£2,435
2003/04	£2,608	£2,608
2004/05	£4,663	£4,663