



Time and Date

1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 1st November, 2006

Place

Committee Rooms, Council House, Coventry

Public Business

1 Apologies and Substitutions

2 Declarations of Interests

3 Consideration of Call ins

3.1 Call ins Stage 2

To consider the following call in from the Members shown. In accordance with the Scrutiny Procedure Rules, these Members have been invited to attend the meeting for the consideration of their call in and at least one of them must attend the meeting or the call-in will fail.

Cabinet 19th September, 2006 (Councillor Mrs Johnson)

Appointment of External Legal Advisors – Equal Pay Claims

Report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services (attached)

Called in by Councillors Maton, Patton and Skipper

The reason for the call in is, "The report is asking for retrospective approval since payment to Eversheds has exceeded £100,000 – to find out why this level of expenditure was not anticipated and so avoid the need for retrospective action. To understand if this expenditure is value for money since the report gives minimal financial information – importantly no idea of the potential savings that could result from having this expertise in place. To understand if appointing in-house staff in anticipation of a requirement for dealing with this situation would have been a more cost effective option. "

- NOTE:**
- (1) The Members calling in the decision have indicated that attendance by the relevant Cabinet Member is required for the Stage 2 consideration of this item.
 - (2) The Members calling in the decision have indicated that they wish the issue to be referred on to the relevant Scrutiny Board after consideration by the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee.

3.2 Call ins - Stage 1

The Director of Legal and Democratic Services will report on any call ins that have been received.

In relation to each call in received:-

- a) to determine whether or not it is appropriate, using the agreed criteria.
- b) if it meets the criteria, to decide which Cabinet Members/officers should attend when the call in is considered.

4 Reports on the Work of Scrutiny Boards - Scrutiny Board (2) – Children, Learning and Young People

Report of Councillor Lee (attached)

5 Outstanding Issues

There are currently no outstanding issues.

6 2006/07 Work Programmes

6.1 To give consideration to the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee's Work Programme for 2006/07 (attached)

6.2 To note any changes to the work programmes for Scrutiny Boards (1), (2), (3) and (4).

7 Any other items of public business which the Chair decides to take as matters of urgency because of the special circumstances involved.

Private Business

Nil

Christopher R Hinde, Director of Legal and Democratic Services, Council House, Coventry

Tuesday 24th October, 2006

- Notes:
- 1) The person to contact about the agenda and documents for this meeting is Alison Townsend, Council House, Coventry. Telephone 7683 3080, email alison.townsend@coventry.gov.uk.
 - 2) **Substitutes** - Council Members who are not able to attend the Meeting should notify Alison Townsend (tel. 7683 3080) as soon as possible and no later than 12 noon on Wednesday, 1st November, 2006, giving their reasons for absence and the name of the Council Member (if any) who will be attending the meeting as their substitute.
 - 3) Scrutiny members who have an interest in any report referred to at this meeting, but who are not members of this Committee are invited to notify the Chair by 12 noon on the day before the meeting that they wish to speak on a particular item. The Member must indicate to the Chair their reason for wishing to speak and the issue(s) they wish to raise.

Membership: Councillors Asif, Bains, Clifford (Co-opted Member), Duggins, Lee, Mutton, Ridge (Deputy Chair), Sawdon (Chair) and Williams

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