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**Report to**

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

25<sup>th</sup> October, 2006

**Report of**

Councillor Ridley - Cabinet Member (Culture, Leisure & Libraries)

**Title**

Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – Coventry Sports Trust Limited (CST)

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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 the Coventry Sports Trust (CST) over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

**2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 That Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee notes the report back and the work undertaken by the body.
- 2.2 That Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommends that Council continue to appoint members to the Board of the Coventry Sports Trust on an annual basis.

**3 Information on Work of Outside Body**

- 3.1 Formed in April 1999, CST promotes a healthy lifestyle through the delivery of health and fitness, play, relaxation and sporting activities to those who live, work or visit the city.
- 3.2 CST is a 'not for profit' company and gained charitable status in August 2002.
- 3.3 The main facilities managed by CST are Coventry and Foleshill Sports & Leisure Centres, Brandon Wood Golf Course and the new "Splash and Play" feature previously known as the Memorial Park water feature. CST also manages leisure programmes on behalf of Sidney Stringer Community Technical School, Foxford School & Community Arts College and Ernesford Grange School and Community College.
- 3.4 CST makes an active contribution to many City Council and Coventry Partnership objectives by helping to tackle social exclusion and health inequalities in the City. The practice of managing City Council sports and leisure facilities through a Trust status body is also in keeping with the Governments agenda of partnership working and involving the many talents that people in the wider community have to offer in the running of local public services.

3.5 The Trust has faced many challenges in the last year, such as the significant decline in a number of properties which it operates from and has faced these difficulties to the best of its abilities however there will continue to be challenges in the future around property and the decline in infrastructure.

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

4.1 CST is responsible for managing a number of sporting facilities on behalf of the City Council that remain owned by the City Council. The Trust receives considerable annual financial backing from the City Council and it is essential that the City Council continue to appoint representatives onto the board of CST.

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

5.1 The City Council representatives are Councillors Ridley and Skipper. In the period August 2005 to July 2006 there were five meetings. Councillor Ridley was in attendance at three meetings and Councillor Skipper attended four meetings.

5.2 Members receive no remuneration for the appointments.

#### List of background papers

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