
Report to
Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

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Report of
Councillor Jack Harrison

Title
Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – Tom Mann Centre Trust

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 A process of reporting back to the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee on the work of those outside bodies appointed to by the City Council is in place. This reports sets out details of the work of Tom Mann Centre Trust over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Although the Tom Mann Centre Trust Management Committee has not met since July 2006, I consider that it is important to reappoint to this Committee so that, at the appropriate time, approvals can be given for the allocation of remaining assets to facilitate the move of the current resources to the Herbert Art Gallery and Museum from the Central Library. Following this approval, it is anticipated that the Committee will be disbanded.

3 Information on Work of Outside Body

- 3.1 The Tom Mann Centre Trust Management Committee Trust is a registered charity administered by the City Council and is run by a Board of Trustees.
- 3.2 The Charity was established in 1976, for the sole purpose of "the advancement of education of the public with regard to the life and times of the late Tom Mann, as they relate to the history of the trade union movement and in the field of trade union and labour studies generally by the formation of libraries and collections and the institution of an annual lecture".
- 3.3 The significant part of the Tom Mann collection, such as items that were unique, were passed to the Modern Records Centre at Warwick University some 10 years ago. The Central Library retained a collection of recently published items that relate to the Trade Union Movement in the UK and this was added to over the years. The collection within the library is currently only available on request due to space limitations. The Committee decided at their last meeting that the entire collection be relocated to the History Centre, which is being created as part of the redevelopment of the Herbert Art Gallery and Museum.

3.4 Work is continuing at the Herbert Art Gallery and Museum and it is anticipated that the Tom Mann Centre Management Committee will soon be in a position to release the remaining funds to enable the collection to be relocated and it is anticipated that the Committee will then be disbanded.

4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment

4.1 Although there is no specific benefit to the Council, the membership of the Trust allows the Council to influence how the funds are used.

5 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

5.1 Councillors Chater, Harrison and Lakha are the City Council's representatives on the Tom Mann Centre Trust Management Committee. There have been no meetings of the Trust over the past twelve months.

5.2 Members receive no remuneration for the appointment.

List of background papers

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