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**Report to**  
Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

14 February 2007

**Report of**  
Councillor Hazel Noonan - Cabinet Member (Community Services)

**Title**  
Report Back on the Work of Outside Bodies – Coventry Voluntary Service Council

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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 Voluntary Service Council over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representative Cllr Hazel Noonan.

### **2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee is recommended to note the contents of this report, and it is recommended to appointment a relevant Councillor to CVSC's Board for a further year.

### **3 Information/Background**

- 3.1 Coventry Voluntary Service Council (CVSC) is an umbrella organisation, which provides information, advice, support and representation to voluntary and community organisations in Coventry.
- 3.2 CVSC provides information, advice and support on issues of interest and concern to voluntary and community groups in Coventry. It provides specialist support to people wanting to access volunteering opportunities and supports groups seeking to recruit additional volunteers. It also provides funding to support case-work.
- 3.3 CVSC works to ensure that the perspective of voluntary and community groups is represented in partnership arrangements across the city including the Coventry Partnership and its theme groups, and the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership. This has been a particular focus of its activities over the last year.
- 3.4 Coventry City Council provides funding to CVSC, which supports aspects of its work including the information and advice function. This funding is covered by grant agreement with CVSC, which is project managed and monitored by the Neighbourhood Management Service. At the end of quarter three all key performance indicators were either on target or had been exceeded.

3.5 Further to the restructure of its staff team, I can confirm that the staffing situation of the CVSC has become more stable. The CVSC has recently gained some external project funding.

**4 Benefits to the City Council of the appointment**

4.1 Attendance at CVSC's Board enables City Council representatives to hear first hand discussions regarding issues of interest and concern to voluntary and community groups in Coventry, and at times regionally and nationally.

4.2 CVSC's Board comprises of people elected by its membership from local voluntary and community groups. City Council representatives not only benefit from the discussions regarding CVSC's plans and activities, but they also have the opportunity to network with other organisations via their Board representatives.

**5 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the appointment**

5.1 The City Council's representatives on the Coventry Voluntary Service Council are Councillors H Noonan and Clifford. CVSC's Board meets quarterly, and Cllr H Noonan attended all 4 of the meetings held. Councillor Clifford joined the CVSC Board in May 2006 and has attended 1 of the 2 meetings held during the period May 2006 until December 2006 inclusive.

5.2 There is no remuneration associated with the appointment.

List of background papers

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Schedule of City Council Appointments to Outside Bodies