
Report to
Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

14 February 2007

Report of
Councillor O'Neill

Title
Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – Wood End, Henley Green, Manor Farm and Deedmore New Deal for Communities Partnership Board

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 At their meeting on 10th 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 Wood End, Henley Green, Manor Farm and Deedmore New Deal for Communities Partnership (NDC) over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the City Council continues to appoint two Councillors to the NDC Partnership Board.

3 Information on Work of Outside Body

- 3.1 The NDC Programme was awarded £54million of Government funding in 2000 to regenerate the Wood End, Henley Green, Manor Farm and Deedmore areas of Coventry. The programme focuses on reducing unemployment, reducing crime and the fear of crime, increasing educational achievement, improving health, and improving the physical environment within the WEHM area.
- 3.2 The NDC Partnership Board is responsible for the strategic co-ordination of the programme in delivering the overall objectives of the scheme. Local residents, partner agencies, local businesses and elected members sit on the Board that meets every six weeks.
- 3.3 Coventry City Council is the Accountable Body for the NDC Partnership. As the Accountable Body, the City Council enters into a contractual agreement, on behalf of the NDC Partnership, with Government Office for the West Midlands. This involves the City Council underwriting payments to organisations that deliver NDC activity agreed by the Partnership Board and therefore assumes risks associated with project delivery.

4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment

4.1 The continued appointment of Councillors to the NDC Partnership Board would:

- Provide a direct link between Cabinet and the NDC Programme in terms of progress and performance updates of the overall scheme.
- Provide a direct link between the NDC Partnership Board and the City Council Accountable Body manager to ensure that the risk of breaching Government guidelines in the delivery of the scheme is minimised.
- Ensure that the City Council as a key partner can influence the development of key NDC strategic projects, for example, MasterPlanning, Leisure Centre and the proposed Construction Centre.
- Ensure that the City Council where appropriate can add value to the programme through committing resources to help the Partnership achieve its strategic objectives.

5 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

5.1 Councillors O'Neill and Patton are the City Council's representative on the NDC Partnership Board. Over the past twelve months there have been 9 meetings of the Board of which both Councillor O'Neil and Patton have attended 4 each. Where they have not attended, Carl Pearson has deputised.

5.2 There is no remuneration associated with the appointment.

List of background papers

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