
Report to
Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

14 February 2007

Report of
Councillor Christian Cliffe

Title
Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – Coventry Fair-trade Steering Group

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 Coventry Fair-trade Steering committee over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

2 Recommendations

2.1 That the Council should continue to appoint two representatives to the group.

3 Information on Work of Outside Body

3.1 The group promotes Fair Trade across the City of Coventry and is responsible for co-ordinating the city's fair trade status.

3.2 The City of Coventry was awarded Fair Trade City Status in February 2005 as a result of the work of the group.

3.3 Members of the steering group include representatives from:

- CAFOD
- Coventry City Council (Cllrs Christian Cliffe and Ann Lucas)
- Coventry Diocese
- Coventry University
- Heart of England Co-operative
- Oxfam
- University of Warwick

4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment

4.1 Although there are no direct benefits to the Council, the work of the group promotes the city and it is a requirement of Fair Trade City Status for the council to be actively involved in the promotion of Fair Trade.

5 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

5.1 The City Council's representatives are Councillor Cliffe and Councillor Mrs Lucas. In the period from January 2006 to December 2006 inclusive 5 meetings were held. Councillor Cliffe attended two and Councillor Mrs Lucas none.

5.2 There is no remuneration associated with the appointment.

List of background papers

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