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**Report to**  
Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

4<sup>th</sup> April 2007]

**Report of**  
Councillor Crookes

**Title**  
Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – John Friends Memorial Fund

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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 John Friends Memorial Fund over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

### **2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 The City Council should continue to appoint representatives to the Board of Trustees of this organisation. The Memorial Fund is a charity approved by the Charity Commission for England and Wales to which Coventry City Council must appoint nominated trustees. Failure to so do would be in breach of this approval.

### **3 Information on Work of Outside Body**

- 3.1 The Trust's income is derived from investments.
- 3.2 The object of the Trust is to provide grants to applicant schools for equipment to further studies in astronomy and meteorology to support their curricular activities.
- 3.3 It may provide an annual grant to the Sir Charles Barratt Memorial Foundation in support of its objective of furthering musical studies, however, none has been made this year.
- 3.4 The Memorial Trust's Board of Trustees has met once in this council year. This meeting was adjourned for further financial information relating to the annual income.

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

- 4.1 Membership of the Foundation's Board of Trustees confers no direct benefit to the City Council. However the disbursements made to educational establishments and the Sir Charles Barratt Memorial Foundation helps support, both, the core curriculum and the City Council's Inclusion Agenda.

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

5.1 Councillors Clifford, Nellist and Crookes are the City Council's appointed representatives to this Foundation, along with the Director of Education and Libraries (or his nominee), there is usually one meeting of the Trust per year. However during 2006 – 07 there have been two meetings, one in December 2006 and another in March 2007. Councillor Clifford was unable to attend the meeting in December, but all trustees attended the meeting in March 2007.

5.2 There is no remuneration associated with this appointment.

List of background papers

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