
Report to
Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

18th April 2007

Report of
Councillor Andy Matchet

Title
Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – Coventry Refugee Centre

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 Coventry Refugee Centre over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That appointment should continue to be made to the organisation.

3 Information on Work of Outside Body

- 3.1 The object of the Coventry Refugee Centre is to relieve need, hardship and distress of refugees and asylum seekers in the general area of the City of Coventry. We also aim to advance the education of the public about the issues relating to refugees and asylum seekers.
- 3.2 The main activities for the year continued to focus on the delivery of agreed services. A number of services such the Welcome Project, Education and Community Development were terminated in accordance with their original terms and other services, Life Skills and the Refugee Additional Support Project, came on stream during the year.
- 3.3 As at 31st December 2006, the Coventry Refugee Centre's staff compliment was 39 and the number of volunteers was 86 who have provided 8,892 hours of voluntary service during the year.
- 3.4 An Annual Report is available.

4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment

- 4.1 Coventry City Council provides core funding for this organisation and membership of the Board affords considerable synergy with other service provision of the Council.

5 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

5.1 Councillors Matchet, Mrs Bigham and Chater are the City Council's representatives on the Coventry Refugee Centre.

Attendances at Board Meetings – March 2006 to February 2007

Name	Date of Board Mtg	Attended	
		Yes	No
Andy Matchet	9 th March 2006		√
Dave Chater		√	
Lynnette Kelly		√	
Andy Matchet	13 th April 2006		√
Dave Chater			√
Lynnette Kelly		√	
Andy Matchet	11 th May 2006		√
Dave Chater		√	
Lynnette Kelly			√
Andy Matchet	8 th June 2006		√
Dave Chater		√	
Lynnette Kelly			√
Andy Matchet	13 th July 2006		√
Dave Chater		√	
Linda Bigham			
Andy Matchet	10 th August 2006		√
Dave Chater			√
Linda Bigham			√
Andy Matchet	14 th September 2006		√
Dave Chater			√
Linda Bigham		√	
Andy Matchet	12 th October 2006	√	
Dave Chater			√
Linda Bigham			√
Andy Matchet	9 th November 2006		√
Dave Chater		√	
Linda Bigham		√	
Andy Matchet	14 th December 2006		√
Dave Chater		√	
Linda Bigham		√	
Andy Matchet	11 th January 2007		√

Dave Chater		√	
Linda Bigham			√
Andy Matchet	8 th February 2007	√	
Dave Chater		√	
Linda Bigham			√

5.2 There is no remuneration associated with the appointment.

List of background papers

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Papers open to Public Inspection

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Schedule of City Council Appointments to Outside Bodies	CH59