

SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE

18th April, 2007

- Members Present:-
Councillor Bains
Councillor Crookes (Substitute for Councillor Asif)
Councillor Duggins
Councillor Lee
Councillor Mutton
Councillor Ridge (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Sawdon (Chair)
Councillor Williams
- Cabinet Member Present:-
Councillor H. Noonan (Cabinet Member (Community Services))
- Employees Present:-
G. Carey (Legal and Democratic Services Directorate)
C. Steele (Chief Executive's Directorate)
A. Townsend (Legal and Democratic Services Directorate)
- Apologies:-
Councillor Asif
Councillor Clifford

229. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

230. Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 14th and 21st March, 2007, were signed as a true record.

231. Call-Ins Stage 1

The Committee noted that no call-ins had been received yet this week. The deadline for call-ins of Cabinet and Cabinet Member decisions made during the week commencing 9th April, 2007, was 9.00 a.m. on Friday 20th April, 2007. Any call-ins received after this meeting and before that deadline would be considered for validity by the Chair of the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee, in consultation with the Director of Legal and Democratic Services (Paragraph 5.4.5.25.4 of the City Council's Constitution refers).

232. Report Back on the Work of Outside Bodies – Coventry General Charities Trustees

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Lee that detailed the work of the Coventry General Charities Trustees over the previous 12 months and included attendance records for the City Council's representatives at meetings of the trustees.

RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that the City Council continue to nominate to the Coventry General Charities Trustees and

that a replacement would be required at the Annual Meeting in May, 2007, for Mr. Richards, who had recently passed away.

233. Report Back on the Work of Outside Bodies - Bluecoat School Foundation

The Committee considered a report of Mrs. Cribden that detailed the work of the Bluecoat School Foundation over the previous 12 months.

RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that the City Council continue to nominate to the Bluecoat School Foundation.

234. Report Back on the Work of Outside Bodies – Coventry and Solihull Valuation Tribunal

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Ridge that detailed the work of the Coventry and Solihull Valuation Tribunal over the previous 12 months. Members were concerned that members appointed to the Tribunal were not called to sit on panels very frequently.

RESOLVED:-

(1) That the scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that the City Council continue to nominate to the Coventry and Solihull Valuation Tribunal.

(2) That officers be requested to relay the above concerns to the organisation.

235. Report Back on the Work of Outside Bodies – Coventry Citizens' Advice Bureau Management Board

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Mrs. Griffin that detailed the work of the Coventry Citizens' Advice Bureau Management Board over the previous 12 months and included attendance records for the City Council's representative at meetings of the Board.

RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that the City Council continue to nominate to the Coventry Citizens' Advice Bureau Management Board.

236. Report Back on the Work of Outside Bodies – Coventry Refugee Centre

The Committee considered a report of the Cabinet Member (Neighbourhoods, Health and Equalities) that detailed the work of the Coventry Refugee Centre over the previous 12 Months and included attendance records for the City Council's representatives at meetings of the Centre's Management Board.

RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that the City Council continue to nominate to the Coventry Refugee Centre.

237. Report Back on the Work of Outside Bodies – Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Partnership

The Committee considered a report of the Cabinet Member (Urban Regeneration and Regional Planning) that detailed the work of the Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Partnership over the previous 12 months and included attendance records for the City Council's representatives at meetings of the Partnership Board.

RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that the City Council continue to nominate to the Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Partnership.

238. Report Back on the Work of Outside Bodies – Institute of Community Cohesion Advisory Board

The Committee considered a report of the Cabinet Member (Neighbourhoods, Health and Equalities) that detailed the work of the Institute of Community Cohesion Advisory Board over the previous 12 months and included attendance records for the City Council's representative at meetings of the Board.

RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that the City Council continue to nominate to the Institute of Community Cohesion Advisory Board.

239. Report Back on the Work of Outside Bodies - Sir Charles Barrett Educational Foundation

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Crookes that detailed the work of the Sir Charles Barrett Memorial Foundation over the previous 12 months and included attendance records for the City Council's representatives at meetings of the Foundation.

RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that the City Council continues to nominate to the Sir Charles Barrett Memorial Foundation.

240. Report Back on the Work of Outside Bodies – West Midlands Enterprise Limited

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Sawdon that detailed the work of West Midlands Enterprise Limited over the previous 12 months and included attendance records for the City Council's representative at meetings of the Board.

RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that the City Council continue to nominate to West Midlands Enterprise Limited.

241. Report Back on the Work of Outside Bodies – West Midlands Local Government Association Regional Housing Partnership

The Committee considered a report of the Cabinet Member (Community Services) that detailed the work of the West Midlands Local Government Association Regional Housing Partnership over the previous 12 Months and included attendance records for the City Council's representatives at meetings of the Partnership.

RESOLVED that the **Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee** recommend that the **City Council** continue to nominate to the **West Midlands Local Government Association Regional Housing Partnership**.

242. Report Back on the Work of Outside Bodies – Miscellaneous Organisations

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services which set out details of several outside bodies on which no formal reports had yet been received. The Committee considered each organisation in detail and considered the benefits to the City Council of reappointments.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) That the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that the City Council continue to appoint to the Annie Bettman Foundation and that a report on this body be submitted to this Committee early in the new Municipal Year after the next meeting of the Foundation.**
- (2) That the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that the City Council continue to appoint to the Citywide Business Improvement District Board.**
- (3) That the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that the City Council continue to appoint to the Coventry and Solihull Waste Disposal Company Advisory Forum and that a report on this body be submitted to this Committee early in the new Municipal Year after the next meeting of the Forum.**
- (4) That the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that the City Council continues to appoint to CovWise and that a report on this organisation be submitted early in the new Municipal Year after the next meeting of the Board.**
- (5) That the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that the City Council continue to appoint to the Destination Management Partnership Board.**
- (6) That the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that the City Council continue to appoint to the Economic and Social Renaissance Sub-Board and request that a report on this organisation be submitted early in the new Municipal Year.**
- (7) That the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that the City Council continue to appoint to the Local Enterprise Growth Initiative Board.**
- (8) That the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that the City Council continue to appoint to the Local Government Information Unit Management Committee and request that a report on this organisation be submitted early in the new Municipal Year.**

- (9) That the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that the City Council continue to appoint to the University of Warwick Board of Institute of Education and request that a report on this organisation be submitted early in the new Municipal Year after the next meeting of the Board.
- (10) The Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that the City Council continue to appoint to William Proffitts Charity.

243. **The Role of Company/Charitable Trust Directors**

With reference to Minute 192/06, the Committee considered a briefing note of the Head of Corporate Policy that provided information requested by the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee relating to the role of City Council appointed company/charitable trust directors. The briefing note set out the role of City Council appointed directors, provisions for training and arrangements for monitoring.

The Committee noted that the City Council did not provide training for Elected Members appointed as directors and that it was more appropriate that the organisations to which they were appointed provided that training as this would allow it to be tailored to suite the specific needs of the organisation. It was further noted that the main duty of the nominee was to the body to which they were appointed rather than the City Council. The Committee pointed out that it received reports on the work of organisations and were able to ask questions at Council with relation to those organisations to which Elected Members were appointed as directors, there was no such facility to consider organisations to which officers were appointed to.

RESOLVED that officers be requested to arrange the submission of reports on the work of those organisations to which officers only are appointed as directors.

244. **Outstanding Issues**

The Committee considered and noted a report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services that identified those issues on which further reports had been requested in order that Members could monitor progress.

245. **Work Programme 2006/2007**

The Committee considered and noted the Work Programme for the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee for the 2006/07 Municipal Year and also those items which would be considered for carry forward to the 2007/08 Municipal Year.

246. **Other Items of Public/Private Business**

There were no other items of public/private business.

247. **Thanks**

The Chair briefly thanked the members of the Committee and officers for their input and support to the work of the Committee during the previous Municipal Year.