

# Agenda Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

## Time and Date

1.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 3rd October, 2007

## Place

Committee Rooms, Council House, Coventry

## **Public Business**

- 1 Apologies and Substitutions
- 2 **Declarations of Interests**

## 3 Exclusion of Press and Public

To consider whether to exclude the press and public for the item of private business for the reasons shown in the report.

4 **Minutes** of the meetings held on 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> July and 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2007 (attached)

#### 5 Consideration of Call ins – Stage 2

To consider the following call in from the Members shown. In accordance with the Scrutiny Procedure Rules, these Members have been invited to attend the meeting for the consideration of their call in and at least one of them must attend the meeting or the call-in will fail.

## Cabinet – 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2007 (Councillor Sawdon)

#### 5.1 Proposed Fees and Charges for Culture, Leisure and Libraries 2007-11

Report of the Director of Community Services (attached)

Called in by Councillors Mutton, Duggins and Skipper

The reason for the call in is, "To better understand the large variation in increases whilst the document states "a consistent approach has been adopted through the charging strategy"."

- **NOTE:** (1) The Members calling in the decision have indicated that attendance by the relevant Cabinet Member is required for the Stage 2 consideration of this item.
  - (2) The Members calling in the decision have indicated that it is possible they would wish the issue to be referred on to the relevant Scrutiny Board after consideration by the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee.

## 5.2 Cultural and Events Strategies

Report of the Director of Community Services (attached)

Called in by Councillors Skipper, Maton and Duggins

The reason for the call-in is, "To better understand how Local Cultural Strategy will benefit disadvantaged communities and priority neighbourhoods".

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## 6 Consideration of Call ins - Stage 1

The Director of Customer and Workforce Services will report on any call ins that have been received.

In relation to each call in received:-

- a) to determine whether or not it is appropriate, using the agreed criteria.
- b) if it meets the criteria, to decide which Cabinet Members/officers should attend when the call in is considered.

#### 7 Cabinet/Cabinet Member Items of Urgent Public Business

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#### Much Park Street: Site Disposal for Development

Joint Report (attached to assist members in understanding the reasons for urgency)

#### 8 Schedule for Reporting Back on the Work of Outside Bodies

Report of the Director of Customer and Workforce Services (attached)

#### 9 Outstanding Issues

Report of the Director of Customer and Workforce Services (attached)

#### 10 2007/08 Work Programmes

To give consideration to the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee's Work Programme for 2007/08 (attached)

11 Any other items of public business which the Chair decides to take as matters of urgency because of the special circumstances involved.

## **Private Business**

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#### **Bev Messinger, Director of Customer and Workforce Services, Council House, Coventry** Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2007

- Notes: 1) The person to contact about the agenda and documents for this meeting is Alison Townsend, Council House, Coventry. Telephone 7683 3069, email alison.townsend@coventry.gov.uk.
  - 2) Substitutes Council Members who are not able to attend the Meeting should notify Alison Townsend (tel. 7683 3080) as soon as possible and no later than <u>12 noon</u> on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2007, giving their reasons for absence and the name of the Council Member (if any) who will be attending the meeting as their substitute.
  - 3) Scrutiny members who have an interest in any report referred to at this meeting, but who are not members of this Committee are invited to notify the Chair by 12 noon on the day before the meeting that they wish to speak on a particular item. The Member must indicate to the Chair their reason for wishing to speak and the issue(s) they wish to raise.

**Membership:** Councillors Arrowsmith (Chair), Clifford, Duggins, Ms Hunter, Lee, Maton, Mutton, Ridge, Williams (Deputy Chair)

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