
Report to

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

21st November, 2007

Report of

Councillor John Blundell – Cabinet Member (Children, Learning and Young People)

Title

Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – Belgrade Theatre Trust

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 Belgrade Theatre Trust (Coventry) Limited over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 I recommend that Coventry City Council continue to appoint two Councillors to the Board of Belgrade Theatre Trust.

3 Information on Work of Outside Body

- 3.1 Most of the year (up to September 2007) was taken up with managing the construction project. Although the project overran the end result has been a substantial facelift with an exciting new flexible auditorium B2 and a spectacular new atrium and lobby area, which when the Belgrade Plaza is developed will be an important part of the city centre offer.
- 3.2 The Belgrade reopened in September 2007 with a Gala performance which showcased the new Belgrade and enabled people to see the new performing spaces, bars and seating areas.
- 3.3 Although for most of the year Belgrade has been closed, the Theatre has continued with its outreach work, which has meant continuity for the Belgrade's Community and Education programme.

4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment

- 4.1 Coventry City Council is a major sponsor of the Belgrade, which is a significant contributor of the cultural life of the city and an important vehicle to deliver educational programmes.

5 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

- 5.1 The City Council representatives on the Belgrade Theatre Trust are Councillors Blundell and Skipper. In the last 12 months from November, 2006 to October, 2007 inclusive there have been 7 scheduled meetings of the Trust Board of which Councillor Blundell has attended 4 and Councillor Skipper has attended 5.
- 5.2 There is no remuneration for the appointment.

List of background papers

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Schedule of City Council Appointments to Outside Bodies