

## **Agenda**

### Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

#### Time and Date

1.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 19th December, 2007

#### **Place**

Committee Rooms, Council House, Coventry

#### **Public Business**

- 1 Apologies and Substitutions
- 2 Declarations of Interests
- 3 **Minutes** of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2007 (attached)
- 4 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 Member (Finance, Procurement and Value for Money) (28th November, 2007)

#### **Housing Benefits – Overpayment Recovery**

Report of the Director of Finance and Legal Services (attached)

Called in by Nellist, Benefield and Windsor

The reason for the call in is, " To further explore the implications of the increase in the rate of deductions for those on low incomes, who are vulnerable or who are facing existing rental arrears; and to assess the possible impact of the proposed changes."

#### **NOTE**: (1)

- (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 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.

#### 6 Review of Council Support to Community Associations and Community Centres

Report of the Chief Executive (attached)

#### 7 Report Back on The Work of Outside Bodies

#### 7.1 West Midlands LGA Provincial Council

Report of the Cabinet Member (Customer, Workforce and Legal Services) (attached)

#### 7.2 West Midlands Superannuation Committee

Report of the Cabinet Member (Customer, Workforce and Legal Services) (attached)

#### 7.3 West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority

Report of the Cabinet Member (City Development) (attached)

#### 8 Outstanding Issues

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

#### 9 **2007/08 Work Programmes**

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

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

#### **Private Business**

Nil

# NOTE: THIS MEETING WILL BE FOLLOWED BY AN INFORMAL MEETING OF THE SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE

Bev Messinger, Director of Customer and Workforce Services, Council House, Coventry Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 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, 19<sup>th</sup> December, 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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