
Report to

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

6th February, 2008

Report of

Councillor Christian Cliffe

Title

Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies - Coventry Fairtrade Steering Group

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 This reports sets out details of the work of Coventry Fairtrade Steering group over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Council should continue to appoint two representatives to the group.
- 2.2 That one of the Council's representatives should be the Cabinet Member responsible for Fairtrade.

3 Information on Work of Outside Body

- 3.1 The group promotes Fairtrade across the City of Coventry and is responsible for co-ordinating the city's Fairtrade status.
- 3.2 The City of Coventry was awarded Fairtrade City Status in February 2005 as a result of the work of the group.
- 3.3 Members of the steering group include representatives from:
- CAFOD
 - Coventry City Council (Cllrs Christian Cliffe and Jack Harrison)
 - Coventry Diocese
 - Coventry University
 - Heart of England Co-operative
 - Oxfam
 - University of Warwick

4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment

- 4.1 Although there are no direct benefits to the Council, the work of the group promotes the city and it is a requirement of Fairtrade City Status for the council to be actively involved in the promotion of Fairtrade.
- 4.2 Because the work of the group may influence the Council's policy on Fairtrade, it would be beneficial for the Cabinet Member responsible for Fairtrade to be a member of the group.

5 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

5.1 Coventry City Council's representatives on the Coventry Fair Trade Steering Group are Councillors Cliffe and Harrison. Councillor Mrs Lucas was a representative until May 2007 when Councillor Harrison was appointed. In the period from December 2006 to November 2007 inclusive nine meetings were held. Councillor Cliffe attended two of the meetings held, Councillor Harrison attended one of the two meetings that have been held since his appointment. Councillor Foster also attended three meetings as Cabinet Member for City Services.

5.2 Members receive no remuneration for the appointment.

List of background papers

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