
Report to

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

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Report of

Cabinet Member (Finance, Procurement & Value for Money)

Title

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

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 This reports sets out details of the work of Institute of Community Cohesion Advisory Board over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The appointment should continue to be made to the organisation.

3 Information on Work of Outside Body

- 3.1 The Institute of Community Cohesion (iCoCo) was established in 2005 to provide a new approach to race, diversity and multiculturalism and its work focuses on building positive and harmonious community relations.
- 3.2 The iCoCo is a unique partnership of academic, statutory and non-governmental bodies, which combine the experience and expertise of four Universities - Coventry, Warwick, DeMontfort and Leicester, with practitioners from a range of diverse backgrounds and professions including Coventry and Leicester City Council.
- 3.3 The aim of iCoCo is to become the recognised national and international centre of expertise on community cohesion, providing research capacity, academic courses to the highest level, accredited training programmes for the public, private and voluntary sectors and support to all agencies involved in the development of community cohesion policy and practice.

4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment

- 4.1 Coventry City Council is a founder member of the Institute and is currently paying £20,000 per annum for this membership. The aims of the Institute fit closely with the values of the council to promote community cohesion.
- 4.2 The council and the city have benefited from being a founder member of Institute and a member of the Institute's Advisory Board because it has profiled the work of the council at a national level and has involved Coventry in national research.

4.3 The City Council is involved in a study which will be using health information to map population that aims to support the Department of Health estimate population particularly where there is a high degree of 'churn' and the impact that this can have upon measuring health over time.

4.4 Coventry is also involved in a study which will involve a number of identified areas across the country to determine why people/communities move from and to these areas and to develop guidance for policy makers.

5 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

5.1 Councillor O'Neill is the City Council's representative on the Institute of Community Cohesion Advisory Board. In the period March 2007 and February 2008 there were 2 meetings of the Advisory Board and Councillor O'Neill attended both.

5.2 There is no remuneration associated with the appointment.

List of background papers

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