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**Report to**

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2008

**Report of**

Councillor Sawdon - Cabinet Member (Culture, Leisure & Libraries)

**Title**

Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – Coventry Sports Trust Limited (CST)

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**1 Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 At their meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> 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 the Coventry Sports Trust (CST) over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

**2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 That Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee notes the report back and the work undertaken by the body.
- 2.2 That Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommends that Council continue to appoint members to the Board of the Coventry Sports Trust on an annual basis.

**3 Information on Work of Outside Body**

- 3.1 Formed in April 1999, CST promotes a healthy lifestyle through the delivery of health and fitness, play, relaxation and sporting activities to those who live, work or visit the city.
- 3.2 CST is a 'not for profit' company and gained charitable status in August 2002.
- 3.3 The main facilities managed by CST are Coventry and Foleshill Sports & Leisure Centres, Brandon Wood Golf Course and the new "Splash and Play" feature previously known as the Memorial Park water feature.
- 3.4 CST makes an active contribution to many City Council and Coventry Partnership objectives by helping to tackle social exclusion and health inequalities in the City. The practice of managing City Council sports and leisure facilities through a Trust status body is also in keeping with the Governments agenda of partnership working and involving the many talents that people in the wider community have to offer in the running of local public services.

3.5 The Trust has faced many challenges in the last year, such as the significant decline in a number of properties which it operates from and has faced these difficulties to the best of its abilities however there will continue to be challenges in the future around property and the decline in infrastructure.

3.6 Members will be aware of the financial difficulties that the Trust incurred in 2006 and that the future management of its facilities are currently the subject of a tendering process.

#### **4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment**

4.1 CST is responsible for managing a number of sporting facilities on behalf of the City Council that remain owned by the City Council. The Trust receives considerable annual financial backing from the City Council and it is essential that the City Council continue to appoint representatives onto the board of CST until the ongoing management issues are resolved.

#### **5 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment**

5.1 The City Council's representatives for Coventry Sports Trust Limited for the period May 2006 to May 2007 were Councillors Ridley and Skipper and of the two meetings held during this period Councillor Skipper attended both meetings and Councillor Ridley did not attend either of the meetings. The City Council representatives from May 2007 became Councillors Sawdon and Skipper and for the period May 2007 to January 2008 inclusive three meetings were held. Councillor Sawdon attended one of these meetings and Councillor Skipper attended two.

5.2 Members receive no remuneration for the appointments.

#### List of background papers

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##### **Description of paper**

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