
Report to

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

23rd April, 2008

Report of

Councillor Kevin Foster

Title

Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – Hillfields Action Plan Partnership Board

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 the Hillfields Action Plan Partnership Board (HAP) over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the City Council will continue to advise the HAP Partnership Board by providing support through two Councillors.

3 Information on Work of Outside Body

- 3.1 The HAP Programme was awarded nearly £5 million of Government funding to support projects between 2002 and 2008, to regenerate the Hillfields area of Coventry through the improvement of social, economic and environmental conditions in the area.
- 3.2 The HAP Partnership Board is responsible for the strategic co-ordination of the programme in delivering the overall objectives of the scheme. Local Residents, partner agencies, local businesses and elected members sit on the Board that meets bi-monthly.
- 3.3 Coventry City Council is the Accountable Body for the HAP Partnership. As the Accountable Body, the City Council enters into a funding agreement, on behalf of the HAP Partnership, with Government Office for the West Midlands. As the accountable body, the City Council agrees to take the risk for the money the Partnership allocates and spends in implementing its objectives.

4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment

- 4.1 The continued appointment to the HAP Partnership Board would:
- Provide a direct link between the HAP Partnership Board and City Council Accountable Body manager to ensure that the risk of breaching Government Office guidelines in the delivery of the scheme is minimised,

- Ensure that the City Council as a partner can influence the decisions taken by the Board,
- Ensure that the City Council can add value to the HAP programme through establishing strategic linkages between the Partnership and Council where necessary,
- Provide a direct link between Cabinet and the HAP in terms of progress and performance updates.

5 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

5.1 Councillors Foster and Windsor are the City Council's representatives on the HAP Partnership Board. Over the past twelve months, from April 2007 to March 2008 inclusive there have been 5 meetings of the Board of which Councillor Foster attended 2 and Councillor Windsor attended 2.

List of background papers

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