
Report to

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

23rd April, 2008

Report of

Councillor Andy Matchet

Title

Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – Coventry Voluntary Service Council

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 This reports sets out details of the work of Coventry Voluntary Service Council (CVSC) over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That a Member be appointed to CVSC's Board for a further year.

3 Information on Work of Outside Body

- 3.1 CVSC is an umbrella organisation which provides information, advice and support on issues of interest and concern to voluntary and community groups in Coventry. It provides specialist support to people wanting to access volunteering opportunities and supports groups seeking to recruit additional volunteers; funding advice to local groups and support on preparing bids for funding; and, assistance to the Community Empowerment Network on community and voluntary sector involvement in The Coventry Partnership.
- 3.2 Coventry City Council provides funding to CVSC to enable the provision of these services. This funding is covered by grant agreement with CVSC, which is project managed and monitored by Neighbourhood Management. During the course of the current agreement (2006/07 to 2007/08) all key performance indicators were either on target or had been exceeded. The organisation works closely with both Neighbourhood Management, the Community Services Directorate, and the Primary Care Trust (who are party to the funding agreement).
- 3.3 In November 2007 a Conference was held to celebrate the organisations 50th anniversary, at which over 100 people were present.

4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment

- 4.1 Attendance at CVSC's Board enables City Council representatives to hear first hand discussions regarding local, regional and national issues of interest and concern to voluntary and community groups in Coventry.
- 4.2 The organisation's Board comprises representatives of local voluntary and community groups, elected by its membership. City Council representatives not only benefit from the discussions regarding CVSC's plans and activities, but they also have the opportunity to network with other organisations via their Board representatives.

5 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

- 5.1 Coventry City Council's representatives on the Coventry Voluntary Service Council are Councillors Matchet and Clifford. For the period December 2006 to November 2007 there were 2 meetings held of which Councillor Clifford attended one and Councillor Matchet sent his apologies for both.
- 5.2 There is no remuneration associated with this appointment.

List of background papers

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