



**Time and Date**

1.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2008

**Place**

Committee Rooms, Council House, Coventry

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**Public Business**

- 1 **Apologies and Substitutions**
- 2 **Declarations of Interests**
- 3 **Minutes** of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2008 (attached)
- 4 **Consideration of Call ins – Stage 2**

To consider the following call in from the Members shown. In accordance with the Scrutiny Procedure Rules, these Members have been invited to attend the meeting for the consideration of their call in and at least one of them must attend the meeting or the call-in will fail.

**Cabinet 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2008 (Councillor Sawdon)**

**Cultural Services Inspection Report**

Report of the Acting Director of Community Services (attached)

Called in by Councillors Skipper, Mutton and McNicholas

The reason for the call in is:-

" The action plan for the Audit Commission Report on Cultural Services outlines a response to the report recommendations. This call-in is to understand better how the criticisms of Coventry City Council in the report (listed below) but not all covered by the recommendations and the action plan will be responded to.

'...the use of technology and pricing to increase participation is underdeveloped.' (p.13)

'...information about service users is not gathered across all cultural services.' (p.13)

'Cultural services has a limited approach to service consultation and does not maximise resources.' (p.14)

'Technology is not being used to full effect to increase access and promote cultural services and activities' (p.14)

'...benchmarking is not embedded into the service to inform setting of fees and charges and recovery rates are not monitored across services.' (p15)

'...the contribution culture is making to other agendas such as community safety may not be valued and built into future plans.' (p17)

'Benchmarking to assess value for money and improve service delivery is underdeveloped.' (p19)".

**NOTE:** (i) The Members calling in the decision indicated that attendance by the relevant Cabinet Member was required for the Stage 2 consideration of this item.

(ii) The Members calling in the decision indicate they might want the issue to be referred on to the relevant Scrutiny Board after consideration by the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee.

## **5 Consideration of Call ins - Stage 1**

The Director of Customer and Workforce Services will report on any call ins that have been received.

In relation to each call in received:-

- a) to determine whether or not it is appropriate, using the agreed criteria.
- b) if it meets the criteria, to decide which Cabinet Members/officers should attend when the call in is considered.

## **6 Report Back on Civic Visit - Civic Visit to Kiel, Germany for 126<sup>th</sup> Kieler Woche**

Report of the Lord Mayor (attached)

## **7 Outstanding Issues**

There are currently no outstanding issues.

## **8 Work Programme 2008/09**

To give consideration to the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee's Work Programme for 2008/09 (attached)

## **9 Meeting Evaluation**

To discuss and evaluate the effectiveness of the meeting.

- 10 Any other items of public business which the Chair decides to take as matters of urgency because of the special circumstances involved.

## **Private Business**

Nil

## **NOTE: THIS MEETING WILL BE FOLLOWED BY AN INFORMAL MEETING OF THE SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE**

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**Bev Messinger, Director of Customer and Workforce Services, Council House, Coventry**  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2008

- Notes:
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  - 2) **Substitutes** - Council Members who are not able to attend the Meeting should notify Alison Townsend (tel. 024 7683 3080) as soon as possible and no later than 12 noon on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2008, giving their reasons for absence and the name of the Council Member (if any) who will be attending the meeting as their substitute.
  - 3) Scrutiny members who have an interest in any report referred to at this meeting, but who are not members of this Committee are invited to notify the Chair by 12 noon on the day before the meeting that they wish to speak on a particular item. The Member must indicate to the Chair their reason for wishing to speak and the issue(s) they wish to raise.

**Membership:** Councillors Arrowsmith, Charley, Clifford, Crookes (Deputy Chair), Duggins, Maton, Mutton, Ridge (Chair)

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