
Report to

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

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Report of

Chris Hinde

Title

Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – Governing Body of Henley College

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 report sets out details of the work of Henley College over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Agree that the City Council should continue to appoint a representative to the governing body of Henley College.

3 Information on Work of Outside Body

- 3.1 Henley College is a general Further Education College, situated in the North East of Coventry. The College is based on one main site at Bell Green, but it also provides education in over 30 centres across the City. The College offers a wide range of education and training including both academic and vocational areas. The College has been appointed a Centre of Vocational Excellence by the Learning and Skills Council for delivery of courses in computing and e-skills technologies. The College is one of only nine such centres throughout the UK. The College's Mission Statement best sums up the ethos of the College:-

"Henley College, Coventry, believes in the power of education and training to make a difference to people's lives, to give them the skills and knowledge to reach their full potential. To achieve this, we put the "student" first" in everything we do."

- 3.2 The College makes an invaluable contribution to the educational life of the City, especially as it recruits a high proportion of students from the most disadvantaged post code areas within the City. The College takes equal opportunities very seriously and one of its six key values is celebrating the diversity of its students. Over 25% of the College's students come from minority ethnic groups. The College is one of the City Council's partners in the New Deal for Communities Project in the North East of the City.

4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment

4.1 There are clear synergies between the objectives of the College and those of the City Council. Close working between the two organisations is facilitated by having a representative of the City Council on the governing body and this should continue. Having a representative on the governing body enables effective links to be built up between the College and the City Council and assists in the achievement of both organisations' objectives.

5 Attendance and Remuneration for the Post

5.1 Chris Hinde is the only City Council representative on the Henley College Governing Body and sits on the Full Corporation and the Finance and Policy Sub Committee. In the twelve months from January 2008 to December 2008 there have been four meetings of the Full Corporation of which Chris has attended all four, there have also been four meetings of the Finance and Policy Sub Committee of which he has also attended all four.

5.2 There is no remuneration for the appointment.

List of background papers

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