
Report to
Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

January, 2009

Report of
Cllr Andrew Williams

Title
Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies - Voluntary Action Coventry (Formerly Coventry Voluntary Service Council)

1 Purpose of the Report

1.1 This reports sets out details of the work of Voluntary Action Coventry 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 Voluntary Action Coventry (formerly known as Coventry Voluntary Service Council) is a local infrastructure organisation that supports the voluntary and community sector in the city. Founded in 1957, it is a registered charity and company limited by guarantee. Membership of Voluntary Action Coventry is open to all voluntary and community groups within the City.

3.2 They offer a range of services & activities that support the vibrant & diverse Third sector in Coventry. They seek new projects and participate in initiatives that compliment & enhance the achievement of our core aims & that meet the needs of our members.

3.3 Membership of Voluntary Action Coventry is free.

3.4 Mission Statement : Voluntary Action Coventry is an Advocate for voluntary and community groups, helping to develop effective and diverse communities in the City.

3.5 Core values

- To tackle inequality, discrimination and social exclusion.
- To support diversity and promote cohesion within the City's communities.
- To be a vibrant, dynamic, learning organisation that values the contribution of all its staff and members.
- To promote the real value and positive impact of volunteering.
- To be an independent, credible, high profile listening organisation that provides leadership and advocacy for the Voluntary and Community sector in the city.

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 Until May 2008 membership of the Voluntary Action Coventry comprised Councillors Matchet and Clifford, at the 2008 Annual Meeting Councillor Williams replaced Councillor Matchet. In the 12 months from January, 2008 to December, 2008 inclusive there have been 4 meetings held. Councillor Matchet was entitled to attend two meetings but attended neither, Councillor Clifford attended 2 of the 4 meetings he was entitled to attend. Councillor Williams has not yet been invited to attend thereby missing two meetings.

5.2 There is no remuneration associated with this appointment.

List of background papers

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