

## SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE

21<sup>st</sup> January, 2009

### Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee Members

Present: Councillor Arrowsmith  
Councillor Charley  
Councillor Clifford  
Councillor Crookes  
Councillor Duggins  
Councillor Maton  
Councillor Mutton  
Councillor Ridge (Chair)

### Other Members

Present: Councillor Foster  
Councillor Mulhall  
Councillor Mal Mutton

Employees Present: B. Hastie (Finance and Legal Services Directorate)  
J. McLellan (Customer and Workforce Services Directorate)  
C. Steele (Chief Executive's Directorate)  
A. West (Chief Executive's Directorate)  
C. West (Director of Finance and Legal Services)

### 130. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### 131. **Consideration of Call Ins – Stage 1**

The officers reported on the following call-in that had been received:-

#### **Belgrade Plaza Phase 3**

The report had been called in by:-

Councillors Bigham, Mutton and O'Boyle.

The reason for the call-in was, "to better understand how housing students in a prestigious development meant to include affordable homes helps in the overall development of the City Centre."

The Committee noted that the deadline for call-ins for Cabinet and Cabinet Member decisions made during the week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2009, was 9.00 a.m. on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2009. Any call-ins received after this meeting and before that deadline would be considered for validity by the Chair of the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee in consultation with the Director of Customer and Workforce Services (Paragraph 4.5.25.4 of the City Council's Constitution refers).

**RESOLVED that on this particular occasion, it would be more appropriate for**

**Scrutiny Board (3) to consider the call-in relating to Belgrade Plaza Phase 3 at a special meeting, given the Board's interest and expertise in considering development issues such as this.**

**132. Consideration of Call-ins – Stage 2: Revenue and Capital Pre-Budget Report 2009/10**

With reference to Minute 115/08, the Committee considered a report of the Management Board which had previously been considered by the Cabinet (their Minute 129/08 refers) and had been called in by Councillors M. Mutton, J. Mutton and Mulhall.

The report provided an update on the work undertaken in preparation for the 2009/10 and future years' Revenue Budget and Capital Programme. The Committee also considered a briefing note which addressed matters raised by the call-in.

Councillors questioned the Cabinet Member and officers on aspects of the report including:

- How the consultation process was to be undertaken on the category 1 decisions that would be delivered by management within their delegated authority or that had been, or would be, subject to a separate Cabinet or Cabinet Member report?
- Why the report had been considered by Cabinet before Scrutiny when it was a change of policy?
- Social Care Review of Charging
- Efficiency savings

In response, officers reported on consultation that had been undertaken and on management action that had been taken within existing delegated levels which included reviews in areas of service.

The Cabinet Member undertook to ensure that in future years the report would be considered by the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee prior to Cabinet.

**RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee concur with the decisions of the Cabinet.**

**133. Report Back on the Work of Outside Bodies – Coventry Venture Capital Limited**

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Foster detailing the work of the Coventry Venture Capital Limited over the previous 12 months and included attendance records for the City Council's representative at meetings of the Board.

**RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that the City Council continue to appoint a representative to the Coventry Venture Capital Limited.**

134. **Hillfields Action Plan Partnership Board**

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Ridley that detailed the work of the Hillfields Action Plan Partnership Board over the previous 12 months and included attendance records for the City Council's nominees at meetings of the organisation.

**RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that the City Council continue to appoint to the Hillfields Action Plan Partnership Board.**

135. **Outstanding Issues**

There were no outstanding issues.

136. **Work Programme 2008/09**

The Committee noted the Work Programme.

137. **Meeting Evaluation**

The Board discussed and evaluated the meeting. Comments offered by members would be used to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of future meetings.