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**Report to**  
Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

18<sup>th</sup> February, 2009

Report of Councillor M Mutton

**Title**  
Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – Daimler Green Recreational Trust

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### **1 Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 This reports sets out details of the work of Daimler Green Recreational Trust over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

### **2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 The Council's representative on the Daimler Green Recreational Trust (DGRT) is Councillor M Mutton and recommends that the Council continue to appoint to this body.

### **3 Information on Work of Outside Body**

- 3.1 The Community Centre has been completed and was opened in August 2008 by the Lord Mayor, and a Centre Manager, Mr Balraj Somal, has been appointed to take the work forward. The Centre itself is now being used by various community groups, both for sporting and community activities.
- 3.2 The playing fields are very well used by local teams and the general population in general. A children's playground has been opened using section 106 funding.
- 3.3 The DGRT have encountered some problems during the year, the biggest blow being the sudden death of the DGRT secretary, Mr Deep Dhami. Mr Dhami was the lynchpin of the Trust and the community, and will be hard to replace. However, both the DGRT and the Residents Association are continuing and going from strength to strength.
- The DGRT are looking into the issue of obtaining a licence to allow social events and private bookings to progress.
  - The "snagging" issues in the building are being addressed.
  - We have asked the local community for volunteers to become members of the board. This will be pursued in the coming year.

### **4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment**

- 4.1 The benefits to the City Council are that it is seen to be working with the local community and consulting the local Groups on issues relevant to that neighbourhood.
- 4.2 The DGRT are grateful for the help given by Coventry City Council, in particular, Neighbourhood Management in a period that has been difficult because of Mr Dhami's death, and are looking forward to a closer working relationship with the City Council Community Organisations Support Team in the future.

**5 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment**

5.1 Coventry City Council's representative on the Daimler Green Community Recreation Trust since May, 2008 is Councillor Mrs Mutton, prior to this it was Councillor Ms Hunter. Due to the sad circumstance of Mr Somal's death the records of meetings held prior to October, 2008 cannot be confirmed, but since October, 2008 to December, 2008 inclusive there have been 3 meetings held of which Councillor Mrs Mutton has attended one.

List of background papers

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