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**Report to**

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

**Report of**

Cllr Gary Ridley, Cabinet Member (City Development)

**Title**

Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – New Deal for Communities Partnership Board

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### 1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 At their meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> 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 the New Deal for Communities (NDC) Partnership Board over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

### 2 Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the City Council will continue to advise the NDC Partnership Board by providing support through two Councillors.

### 3 Information on Work of Outside Body

- 3.1 The NDC Programme was awarded over £54 million of Government funding to support projects between 2001 and 2011, to regenerate the Wood End/ Henley Green/ Manor Farm/ Deedmore area of Coventry through the improvement of social, economic and physical conditions in the area.
- 3.2 The NDC Partnership Board is responsible for the strategic co-ordination of the programme in delivering the overall objectives of the scheme. Local Residents, partner agencies, local businesses and elected members sit on the Board that meets every 4-6 weeks.
- 3.3 Coventry City Council is the Accountable Body for the NDC Programme. As the Accountable Body, the City Council enters into a funding agreement, on behalf of the NDC Partnership, with Government Office for the West Midlands. As the Accountable Body, the City Council agrees to take the risk for the money the Partnership allocates and spends in implementing its objectives.

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

4.1 The continued appointment to the NDC Partnership Board would:

- Provide a direct link between the NDC Partnership Board and City Council Regeneration Programmes Manager to ensure that the risk of breaching Government Office guidelines in the delivery of the scheme is minimised,
- Ensure that the City Council as a partner can influence the decisions taken by the Board,
- Ensure that the City Council can add value to the NDC programme through establishing strategic linkages between the Partnership and Council where necessary, and
- Provide a direct link between Cabinet and the NDC in terms of progress and performance updates.

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

5.1 At the start of 2008, Councillors Foster (as Cabinet Member – City Development) and Patton (local elected member) were the City Council's representatives on the NDC Partnership Board. In June 2008, Councillor Ridley replaced Councillor Foster and Cllr Maton replaced Councillor Patton.

Over the past twelve months there have been 8 meetings of the Board. Councillor Foster attended 3 out of a possible 4 meetings. Councillor Patton attended 3 out of a possible 4. Councillor Ridley attended 1 out of a possible 4. Councillor Maton attended 3 out of a possible 4.

5.2 There is no remuneration associated with the appointment.

List of background papers

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Work of outside bodies – NDC

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