



Coventry City Council

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Public report

Report to

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

4th March, 2009

Report of

Councillor Johnson

Title

Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – Coventry Refugee Centre

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 This reports sets out details of the work of Coventry Refugee Centre over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That appointment should continue to be made to the organisation.

3 Information on Work of Outside Body

- 3.1 The Centre provides essential information and practical help to thousands of refugees and asylum seekers in the Coventry area. Many of the clients have only a limited command of English, so the Centre offers help when dealing with the appropriate agencies, organisations and service providers. The work of the Centre falls into two main categories:

- Help for asylum seekers in the many problems they face with subsistence, housing, health, racial harassment etc
- Help to set up home for those given leave to remain

- 3.2 The main activities for the year continued to focus on the delivery of agreed services. The Centre appointed a new Chief Executive at the end of November 2008.

4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment

- 4.1 Coventry City Council provides core funding for this organisation and membership of the Board affords considerable synergy with other service provision of the Council.

5 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

- 5.1 The City Council's representatives on the Coventry Refugee Centre are Councillors Harvard, Mrs Johnson and Chater. Cllr. Mrs. Johnson and Cllr. Harvard were appointed at the end of May 2008 (see table on next page for attendance record.)
- 5.2 There is no remuneration associated with this appointment.

	Attended	Did not attend
13 March 2008	Cllr. Bigham	Cllrs. Ahmed and Chater
10 April 2008	Cllr. Chater	Cllrs. Ahmed and Bingham
21 May 2008	Cllr. Harvard	Cllrs. Chater and Johnson
12 June 2008	Cllrs. Chater, Harvard and Johnson	
10 July 2008, including AGM	Cllrs. Chater and Harvard	Cllr. Johnson
11 September 2008	Cllrs. Chater, Harvard and Johnson	
16 October 2008	Cllr. Chater	Cllrs. Harvard and Johnson
27 November 2008	Cllrs. Chater, Harvard and Johnson	
18 December 2008	Cllrs. Chater, Harvard and Johnson	
22 January 2009	Cllrs. Chater, Harvard and Johnson	

List of background papers

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