

## **SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE**

**18<sup>th</sup> March, 2009**

### Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee Members

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

Cabinet Member Present:-Councillor Foster (Cabinet Member (Finance and Value for Money))

Employees Present: - J. McLellan (Customer and Workforce Services Directorate)  
D. Parfitt (Chief Executive's Directorate)  
C. Steele (Chief Executive's Directorate)

#### **181. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

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

The Committee noted that the deadline for call-ins for Cabinet and Cabinet Member decisions made during the week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2009, was 9.00 a.m. on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March. 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).

#### **183. Value for Money Partnership Progress Report**

Further to Minute 68/08, the Committee considered a report by the Assistant Chief Executive, which was also to be considered by the Cabinet Member (Finance and Value for Money) and which detailed the progress made in the last three months. The previous report had set down the progress that had been made establishing the overall governance arrangements and undertaking a series of value for money reviews, designed to achieve the agreed outcomes from the work of the Partnership.

That report had also made clear that work would continue on the seven reviews which had been commissioned but that no further corporate spending commitments would be entered into until there was a greater degree of certainty about the achievement of the identified target savings. By 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2009, it was reported that there should be greater certainty about the achievement of savings from at least some of the commissioned reviews, and as a consequence, decisions would then be made on the future development of the Value for Money Partnership Programme. In accordance with

this decision, work had continued on the seven commissioned reviews, and a summary of projected costs and savings was detailed in the report.

**RESOLVED that the progress report be noted and that a further report be submitted in three months time.**

**184. Report Back on the Work of Outside Bodies – Local Government Information Unit**

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Crookes that detailed the work of the Local Government Information Unit over the preceding twelve months and included details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

**RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that the City Council continue to nominate to the Local Government Information Unit.**

**185. Report Back on the Work of Outside Bodies – Coventry Mental Health Partnership Board**

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Mrs. Johnson that detailed the work of the Coventry Mental Health Partnership Board over the previous twelve months and included details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

**RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that the City Council continue to nominate to the Coventry Mental Health Partnership Board.**

**186. Report Back on the Work of Outside Bodies – Coventry Learning Disabilities Partnership Board**

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Mrs. Johnson that detailed the work of the Coventry Learning Disabilities Partnership Board over the previous twelve months and included details of attendance by the City Council's representatives at the meetings of the Board.

**RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that the City Council continue to nominate to the Coventry Learning Disabilities Partnership Board.**

**187. Report Back on the Work of Outside Bodies – Coventry Local Enterprise Growth Initiative Partnership Board**

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Ridley that detailed the work of the Coventry Local Enterprise Growth Initiative Partnership Board over the previous twelve months and included details of attendance by the City Council's representatives at the meetings of the Board.

**RESOLVED that:-**

- (1) Scrutiny Board (3) be requested to review the benefits to the City Council of the Coventry Local Initiative Partnership Board and that Councillor Maton be invited to the meeting of the Board when is considered.**

**(2) The terms of reference be checked to ascertain whether the Chair of Scrutiny Board (3) had to be a Member of the Board.**

**(3) A copy of the full evaluation report be sent to Councillor Maton.**

**188. Report Back on the Work of Outside Bodies – Coventry Older People's Partnership Board**

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Mrs. Johnson that detailed the work of the Coventry Older People's Partnership Board over the previous twelve months and included details of attendance by the City Council's representatives at the meetings of the Board.

**RESOLVED that:-**

**(1) the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that the City Council continue to nominate to the Coventry Older People's Partnership Board.**

**(2) copies of the minutes of the Board be sent to Councillor Maton.**

**189. Report Back on the Work of Outside Bodies – West Midlands Joint Committee**

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Taylor that detailed the work of the West Midlands Joint Committee over the previous twelve months and included details of attendance by the City Council's representatives at the meetings of the Committee.

**RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that the City Council continue to nominate to the West Midlands Joint Committee.**

**190. Outstanding Issues**

There were currently no outstanding issues.

**191. Work Programme 2008/09**

The Committee considered and noted their Work Programme for the 2008/09 Municipal Year.

**192. Meeting Evaluation**

The Committee briefly discussed the meeting to evaluate its effectiveness. Members commented that the meeting was fine.