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**Report to**  
Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

13 May, 2009

**Report of**  
Cllr. Kevin Maton

**Title**  
Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – City College Coventry

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

- 1.1 This report sets out details of the work of **City College Coventry** over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representative.

### **2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the City Council should continue to support and encourage the Governing Body of City College to appoint a member(s) of the City Council to its Corporation.

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

- 3.1 City College Coventry is a further education college. The college was formed as part of the merger of Coventry Technical College and Tile Hill College.
- 3.2 The members of the Corporation play a positive and active role in guiding the strategic direction of the College. As well as the formal meetings held, a 2 day strategic planning meeting is held every year and numerous informal contacts with College managers, staff and stakeholder organisations.
- 3.3 A key recent development has been the construction of new college buildings at Swanswell and these represent a £60m project and is the largest capital investment in further education in Coventry's history.
- 3.4 City College Coventry now has a £23m turnover and in terms of student numbers there are 1800 full time learners aged between 16-18 (an increase of 400 learners since 2001/2002 time of merger), 650 apprentices including 150 from Jaguar Landrover (regional) and 250 from National Express (National). 2500 learners are engaged on Skills for Life and learning in the community
- 3.5 The Governors are keen to promote the College's local, regional and national profile. Despite the complexities and frequent changes in LSC funding levels and priorities, the College continues to offer a wide and diverse range of provision for all ages and backgrounds. From link programmes for 14 year olds and the new Diplomas, through to full time further education courses for 16-18 year olds, Higher Education programmes including Higher National Certificates and Diplomas and with university partners Foundation and 2 + 2 Degrees, Short and part time courses for adults and the community, apprenticeships and a range of programmes specifically for employers#

- 3.6 Charterhouse Training, the corporate training arm of the college are responsible for bespoke and scheduled programme training to employers in the areas of Leadership and Management, Health & Safety and IT and providing NVQs (through Train to Gain) in Business Administration, Customer Service, Health & Social Care, Community Drivers, Taxi Drivers, Team Leading and Warehousing and Distribution. This area comprises around 2,500 learners
- 3.7 There has been a 50% improvement in success rates since merger in 2001/02, moving from 54% to 75%

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

- 4.1 Cllr Maton was originally appointed to Tile Hill College Governors on the 2/12/1998 as a Business Governor. He was then were re-appointed, as a Local Authority nominee, on 2/12/1999, 11/12/2002 (when the Colleges merged) and 11/12/2006. His present Governorship will run until 10/12/2010.
- 4.2 He was appointed as Corporation Vice-Chair on 1/1/2008 and re-appointed on 9/7/2008 for the year 1/8/2008 - 31/7/2009. He currently chairs the Estates Committee and previously chaired the Quality & Performance Committee. He is also a member of the Remuneration and Search Committees.
- 4.3 The City Council was the nominating body, but once the nomination was made, the nominating role of the City Council is finished. Any individual is appointed by the Corporation for the term of office set out in his letter of appointment - in the case of Cllr Maton this was for 4 years. The position now is that following this year's changes to the Instrument of Government, there will be no further nominated Governors as all will be appointed as Independent Governors. This process is undertaken through the Corporation's Search Committee.
- 4.4 The City College plays a crucial role in promotion of and provision of learning in the City and surrounding area. Its future role in supporting the Academy at Sidney Stringer is testament to its commitment, driven by Governors and staff, to excellent provision of education in the City. The opportunity to connect the City Council's own corporate objectives linked to learning with the provision available through City College via membership of the Corporation is one that should continue to be supported.

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

- 5.1 The City Council representatives are Councillor Maton, Mr Ahmed (formerly Councillor Ahmed) and Mr Brabban. In the period from January 2008, to December, 2008 inclusive three meetings were held. Mr Brabban attended all three meetings, Councillor Maton attended two and Mr Ahmed attended one meeting
- 5.2 There is no remuneration associated with the appointment

List of background papers

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