

**SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE**

**13<sup>th</sup> May, 2009**

Scrutiny Co-ordination  
Committee Members

Present: - Councillor Arrowsmith  
Councillor Charley  
Councillor Clifford  
Councillor Duggins  
Councillor Maton  
Councillor Ridge (Chair)  
Councillor Smith (Substitute for Councillor Crookes)

Cabinet Member Present:- Councillor Blundell (Cabinet Member – Children, Learning and Young People)

Other Members Present:- Councillor Skinner  
Councillor Mrs. Waters

Members of the Public

Present:- W. Anderson  
T. Coombs  
P. Seaman

Employees Present: - M. Chatra (Finance and Legal Services Directorate)  
V. Cook (Chief Executive's Directorate)  
M. Coult (Chief Executive's Directorate)  
M. Gill (Customer and Workforce Services Directorate)  
J. Handley (Customer and Workforce Services Directorate)  
P. Hudson (Children, Learning and Young People's Directorate)  
D. Knaggs (Children, Learning and Young People's Directorate)  
J. McLellan (Customer and Workforce Services)  
J. Morley (Neighbourhood Management)  
J. Parry (Chief Executive's Directorate)  
C. Steele (Chief Executive's Directorate)  
A. West (Chief Executive's Directorate)

Apologies: An apology for absence was received from Councillor Crookes and also from Councillor Mrs. Sweet in respect of Minute 205 headed "Consideration of Call in – Petition – Relocating Youth Work from Wyken Youth Centre to Caludon Castle School.

**203. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**204. Minutes**

The Minutes of the meetings held on the 18<sup>th</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2009, were signed as true records.

205. **Consideration of Call in – Petition – Relocating Youth Work from Wyken Youth Centre**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Children, Learning and Young People which had previously been considered by the Cabinet Member (Children, Learning and Young People) (his Minute 73/08 refers) and had been called in by Councillors J. Mutton, Mrs. Sweet and Duggins.

The Cabinet Member had considered a petition that had been presented to the Council Meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2009, bearing 115 signatures, from Wyken Youth Centre users requesting that the Wyken Youth Centre remained at the Wyken Community Centre. The petition had been presented by Councillor Mrs Sweet, a Wyken Ward Councillor, who along with the petition spokesperson, Martin Wooding, were invited to attend the meeting of the Committee but were unable to do so. The petitioners were concerned that: relocation to the School would result in a loss of privacy; young people would not want to stay or return to campus outside school hours; young people would not be comfortable seeking personal health advice in a school environment; and youth club equipment would have to be put away and stored at the end of each session.

The Cabinet Member had also considered a report of the Director of Children, Learning and Young People that detailed the establishment of an integrated youth support service at Caludon Castle School and sought approval to relocate Youth Service resources at Wyken Youth Club to the provision at the school.

The Committee questioned the Cabinet Member and officers on the following aspects of the report:-

- Value for Money
- Budgets
- Best Value
- Financial resources and use of reserves
- Numbers using facilities and facilities available
- PFI contract
- Location of existing facilities and proposed new facilities

The Committee were assured that the relocation to the new premises would only involve one move.

**RESOLVED that:-**

- (1) the Committee concur with the decision of the Cabinet Member (Children, Learning and Young People).**
- (2) the Committee note that a panel of young people would be established to ensure that users were involved in the on-going process of developing the new facility.**
- (3) a further report on the use of the space at the Community Centre be submitted in due course.**

206. **Grounds Maintenance – Value for Money**

Further to Minute 183/08, the Committee noted a progress report by Jos Parry on the review of Grounds Maintenance as part of the value for money review.

207. **Scrutiny Development Plan**

The Committee considered and noted a report which provided information on the progress made on the Scrutiny Development Action Plan 2008/09.

The Committee further noted that a new Plan was being developed for 2009/2010 and this would be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

208. **Report Back on the Work of Outside Bodies – Coventry Community Safety Partnership**

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Williams that detailed the work of the Coventry Community Safety Partnership 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 Coventry Community Safety Partnership.**

209. **Report Back on the Work of Outside Bodies – Coventry Schools Admissions Forum**

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Blundell that detailed the work of the Coventry Schools Admission Forum 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 Coventry Schools Admission Forum.**

210. **Report Back on the Work of Outside Bodies – Coventry Sports Trust Limited**

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Lapsa that detailed the work of the Coventry Sports Trust Limited over the preceding twelve months and included details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

The Committee sought clarification of the attendances of the City Council's representatives.

**RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that the City Council continue to nominate to the Coventry Sports Trust Limited.**

211. **Report Back on the Work of Outside Bodies – City College Coventry**

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Maton that detailed the work of the City College Coventry over the preceding twelve months and included details

of attendance by the City Council representatives.

**RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that the City Council continue to nominate to the City College Coventry.**

212. **Report Back on the Work of Outside Bodies – University of Warwick: Advisory Board of the Institute of Education**

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Blundell that detailed the work of the University of Warwick: Advisory Board of the Institute of Education over the preceding twelve months and included details of attendance by the City Council representatives.

**RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that the City Council continue to nominate to the University of Warwick: Advisory Board of the Institute of Education.**

213. **Report Back on the Work of Outside Bodies – West Midlands Regional Assembly**

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Taylor that detailed the work of the West Midlands Regional Assembly over the preceding twelve months and included details of attendance by the City Council representatives.

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

214. **Report Back on the Work of Outside Bodies – West Midlands Local Government Association**

The Board considered a report of Councillor Taylor that detailed the work of the West Midlands Local Government Association over the preceding twelve months and included details of attendance by the City Council representatives.

The Committee sought clarification of the attendances of the City Council's representatives.

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

215. **Report Back on the Work of Outside Bodies – West Midlands Police Authority**

The Board considered a report of Councillor Sawdon that detailed the work of the West Midlands Police Authority over the preceding twelve months and included details of attendance by the City Council representatives.

The Committee noted the report and that this appointment was made through the West Midlands Joint Committee.

216. **Report Back on the Work of Outside Bodies – Grace Academy**

The Board considered a report of Councillor Kelly that detailed the work of the Grace Academy over the preceding twelve months and included details of attendance by the City Council representatives.

**RESOLVED that the report be noted and that Councillor Kelly be requested to submit a fuller report on the Grace Academy and to attend a future meeting of the Committee.**

217. **Report Back on the Work of Outside Bodies – Special Interest Groups of Municipal Authorities (SIGOMA)**

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Gazey that detailed the work of the Special Interest Groups of Municipal Authorities (SIGOMA) and included details of attendance by the City Council representatives.

**RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that the City Council continue to nominate to the Special Interest Groups of Municipal Authorities (SIGOMA).**

218. **Report Back on the Work of Outside Bodies – Coventry Citizens Advice Bureau Management Board**

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Gazey that detailed the work of the Coventry Citizens Advice Bureau Management Committee and included details of attendance by the City Council representatives.

**RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that the City Council continue to nominate to the Coventry Citizens Advice Bureau Management Committee.**

219. **Report Back on the Work of Outside Bodies – Local Government Association – General Assembly**

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Taylor that detailed the work of the Local Government Association – General Assembly and included details of attendance by the City Council representatives.

**RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that the City Council continue to send representatives to the Local Government Association General Assembly.**

220. **Outstanding Issues**

There were no outstanding issues

221. **Work Programme 2009/10**

The Committee noted that their Work Programme for the 2009/10 Municipal Year would be considered at their next meeting.

222. **Meeting Evaluation**

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