

## SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE

9<sup>th</sup> December, 2009

Members Present: Councillor Andrews (Substitute for Councillor Crookes)  
Councillor Arrowsmith  
Councillor Clifford  
Councillor Crookes  
Councillor Duggins  
Councillor Mutton  
Councillor Ms. Reece  
Councillor Ridge (Chair)

Other Members Present: Councillor Lakha

Employees Present: L. Hobbs (City Services and City Development Directorate)  
J. McLellan (Customer and Workforce Services Directorate)  
C. Steele (Chief Executive's Directorate)  
A. West (Chief Executive's Directorate)

Apologies: Councillor Clifford

### **Public Business**

#### **Councillor Ms. Reece**

The Chair welcomed Councillor Ms. Reece to her first meeting of the Committee as the new Chair of Scrutiny Board (3)

#### **85. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **86. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2009, were agreed as a true record.

#### **87. Consideration of Call-ins – Stage 1**

There were no call-ins.

#### **88. Local Area Agreement and Corporate Plan – Half Year Progress Report**

The Committee considered a report of the Assistant Chief Executive which provided a review of performance during the first half of 2009/10 against the Local Area Agreement and the Corporate Plan management objectives. An end of year progress report for 2008/09 was presented to Cabinet and Council on 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2009. This report had now been updated to

reflect progress during the first half year of 2009/10 and detailed reports were attached as Appendices.

The Committee also received a presentation by the Head of Performance and Scrutiny on how the progress reports could inform the future work programmes for the Scrutiny Boards.

The Committee discussed the report and the presentation and questioned the officers on a number of aspects including:-

- Raising Education Standards
- Health issues
- Equalities and cohesion
- Partnership working
- Crime and Community Safety

**RESOLVED that progress made since June 2009 be noted and that consideration be given to further work by Scrutiny on Healthy Living.**

#### **89. Report Back from Conferences**

The Committee noted reports back on the following conferences from the Councillors indicated:-

- (a) 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Twinning of Coventry and Volgograd - the Lord Mayor, Councillor Jack Harrison's, visit to Volgograd, Russia from 31<sup>st</sup> August to 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2009.
- (b) Councillors' Support: Top of the Wish List – Councillor Lakha's attendance at the LGIU, London on the 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2009.
- (c) Anti-Racist Project – the Lord Mayor, Councillor Jack Harrison's, visit to Auschwitz and Krakow, Poland from the 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2009.

#### **90. Councillor Call for Action Pilot – Progress Report**

The Committee noted that there had not been any Councillor Call for Action submitted.

#### **91. Outstanding Issues**

There were no outstanding issues.

#### **92. Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee Work Programme 2009/2010**

The Committee considered and noted their Work Programme for the Municipal Year 2009/10.

#### **93. WEHM – NDC Masterplan Development Phase**

The Committee considered a request that this matter should be dealt with on the grounds of urgency and that call-in should not apply. The reason for the urgency was to enable development to progress and to mitigate any risk of losing additional funding.

**RESOLVED** that, on the grounds of urgency, call-in would not apply for the **WEHM-NDC Masterplan Development Phase report** and that **Councillor Taylor** be asked if all Members could be invited to attend the meeting of Cabinet during their consideration of this item.

**94. Meeting Evaluation**

In evaluating the meeting, the Committee were satisfied with the quality of the briefings and information they had received. The comments offered by members would be used to ensure the continued efficiency and effectiveness of future meetings.

**95. Any Other Public Business**

There were no other items of public business.