



Coventry City Council

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Public report

Report to
Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

6 January 2010

Report of
Chris Hinde

Title
Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – Henley College

1 Purpose of the Report

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

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Agree that the City Council should continue to appoint a representative to the governing body of Henley College.

3 Information on Work of Outside Body

- 3.1 Henley College is a general Further Education College, situated in the North East of Coventry. The College is based on one main site at Bell Green, but it also provides education in over 30 centres across the City. The College offers a wide range of education and training including both academic and vocational areas. The College has been appointed a Centre of Vocational Excellence by the Learning and Skills Council for delivery of courses in computing and e-skills technologies. Henley College is one of only nine such centres throughout the UK. The College's Mission Statement best sums up the ethos of the College:-

"Henley College, Coventry, believes in the power of education and training to make a difference to people's lives, to give them the skills and knowledge to reach their full potential. To achieve this, we put the student first in everything we do."

- 3.2 The College makes an invaluable contribution to the educational life of the City, especially as it recruits a high proportion of students from the most disadvantaged post code areas within the City. The College takes equal opportunities very seriously and one of its six key values is celebrating the diversity of its students. Over 25% of the College's students come from minority ethnic groups. The College is one of the City Council's partners in the New Deal for Communities Project in the North East of the City.

- 3.3 In 2008/9 the College exceeded its learner number targets for adult learners and adult basic skills learners. The College also achieved 105% of its 16-18 learner number target. The College provides a large range of 14-16 programmes and works in collaboration with schools in the city.
- 3.4 The College is considering how it can best modernise its buildings and facilities to meet the needs of learners following the announcement that the anticipated national funding for major improvements from the Learning and Skills Council will no longer be forthcoming in the foreseeable future.

4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment

- 4.1 There are clear synergies between the objectives of the College and those of the City Council. Close working between the two organisations is facilitated by having a representative of the City Council on the governing body and this should continue. Having a representative on the governing body enables effective links to be built up between the College and the City Council and assists in the achievement of both organisations' objectives.

5 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

- 5.1 The City Council's representative on Governing Body of Henley College is Chris Hinde. In the twelve months from January 2009 to December 2009 inclusive Chris Hinde has attended thirteen meetings out of a possible seventeen, and has also attended a training away day in June.
- 5.2 There is no remuneration associated with the appointment.

List of background papers

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