
Report to
Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

17 February 2010

Report of
Councillor Lee

Title
Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – Coventry Fairtrade City Steering Group

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 This report sets out details of the work of the Coventry Fairtrade City Steering Group over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the council should continue to appoint two representatives to the group
- 2.2 That one of the Council's should be the cabinet member responsible for Fairtrade.

3 Information on Work of Outside Body

- 3.1 The group promotes Fairtrade across the city of Coventry to community groups, retailers, businesses and the general public via campaigns and awareness raising.
- 3.2 In 2009 the group's work included supporting and organising activities over Fairtrade Fortnight (February/March 2009); celebrating achievements by, and awarding certificates to over 60 organisations & community groups in the City; workshops & assemblies with schools; 3 days delivering workshops to primary school pupils at the "2009 and Beyond" annual education for sustainable development event at Coombe Country Park; numerous talks and presentations to community groups; promotion within the City Council; active participation in the International Youth for Fairtrade weekend conference in Coventry.
- 3.3 The City Council adopted a Fairtrade policy in April 2004, which is currently under review
- 3.4 The City of Coventry was awarded Fairtrade City status in 2005 as a result of the group's work.
- 3.5 Members of the steering group by December 2009 include representatives from:
- Coventry Cathedral
 - Coventry City Council: Cllrs Nigel Lee, Lindsley Harvard; Andy Littlewood (Sustainable Communities Officer, facilitator)
 - Coventry University: Staff and students
 - Elm Bank Corporate Training Centre
 - Esquires Coffee Shop
 - Fair Shares
 - Foleshill Women's Training

- Green Garden Café
- Heart of England Cooperative Society
- Henley College
- Oxfam
- Pax Christi
- University of Warwick

4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment

- 4.1 Although there are no direct benefits to the Council, the work of the group promotes the City and it is a requirement of Fairtrade City Status that the Council be actively involved in the promotion of Fairtrade.

5 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

- 5.1 During the period 1 January to 31 December 2009, eight meetings were held. Councillors Phil Townshend and Nigel Lee were the City Council's representatives until May 2009, after which the Council was represented by Councillors Harvard and Lee. During this period there was no member attendance.

- 5.2 Members receive no remuneration for the appointment

List of background papers

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