
Report to
Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

17th March 2010

Report of
Cllr Andrew J. Williams

Title
Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – Coventry Refugee Centre

1 Purpose of the Report

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

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That appointment should continue to be made to the organisation.

3 Information on Work of Outside Body

- 3.1 The Centre provides essential information and practical help to thousands of refugees and asylum seekers in the Coventry area. Many of the clients have only a limited command of English, so the Centre offers help when dealing with the appropriate agencies, organisations and service providers.
- 3.2 The work of the Centre falls into two main categories:
- Help for asylum seekers in the many problems they face with subsistence, housing, health, racial harassment etc.
 - Help to to set up home for those given leave to remain

4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment

- 4.1 Coventry City Council provides core funding for this organisation and membership of the Board affords considerable synergy with other service provision of the Council.

5 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

- 5.1 Coventry City Council representatives on Coventry Refugee Centre are Councillors Chater for the whole period, Williams and Skipper both from May, 2010, and Councillors Mrs Johnson and Harvard both up to May, 2010.
For attendances please see Appendix 1.
- 5.2 There is no remuneration associated with the appointment.

List of background papers

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Description of paper

Schedule of City Council Appointments to outside Bodies

Location CH60

Appendix 1
Attendances at Board Meetings – January 2009 to December 2009

Name	Date of Board Mtg	Attended	
		Yes	No
Heather Johnson	22 nd January 2009	√	
Dave Chater		√	
Lindsley Harvard		√	
Heather Johnson			√
Dave Chater			√
Lindsley Harvard		√	
Heather Johnson	26 th March 2009	√	
Dave Chater		√	
Lindsley Harvard		√	
Heather Johnson	23 rd April 2009		√
Dave Chater		√	
Lindsley Harvard			√
Andrew Williams	28 th May 2009	√	
Dave Chater			√
Tony Skipper		√	
Andrew Williams	25 th June 2009	√	
Dave Chater		√	
Tony Skipper			√
Andrew Williams	23 rd July 2009		√
Dave Chater			√
Tony Skipper		√	
Andrew Williams	No Meeting in August 2009		
Dave Chater			
Tony Skipper			
Andrew Williams	24 th September 2009	√	
Dave Chater			√
Tony Skipper			√
Andrew Williams	22 nd October 2009	√	
Dave Chater		√	
Tony Skipper		√	
Andrew Williams	26 th November 2009		√
Dave Chater		√	
Tony Skipper			√

Andrew Williams	No Meeting in December 2009		
Dave Chater			
Tony Skipper			