
Report to

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

17 March 2010

Report of

Cllr Marcus Lapsa

Title

Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – Coventry Sports Trust Limited (CST)

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 At their meeting on 10th May 2005, the Cabinet approved a process of reporting back to the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee on the work of those outside bodies appointed to by the City Council. This report sets out details of the work of the Coventry Sports Trust (CST) over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee notes the report back and the work undertaken by the body.
- 2.2 That Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommends that Council continue to appoint members to the Board of the Coventry Sports Trust on an annual basis.

3 Information on Work of Outside Body

- 3.1 Formed in April 1999, CST promotes a healthy lifestyle through the delivery of health and fitness, play, relaxation and sporting activities to those who live, work or visit the city.

CST is a 'not for profit' company and gained charitable status in August 2002. The Company is a charity and exists to promote health, education and wellbeing through the promotion of leisure time and sporting activities to enable all members of society to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities so that they may grow into productive members of society.

- 3.2 To achieve this object, the Company provides and promotes a wide range of sports, leisure and health related activities at Sports & Leisure Centres and other facilities
- 3.3 The main facilities managed by CST are Coventry and Foleshill Sports & Leisure Centres, Ricoh arena, Brandon Wood Golf Course and the Moat House leisure centre.
- 3.4 CST has also managed leisure programmes on behalf of Schools sites: A partnership between the Coventry Sports Trust and both Foxford School & Community Arts College

and Tile Hill Wood School & Language College has allowed us to provide health and fitness choices for the local community.

- 3.5 Listed are number of visitors across all CST facilities:
The Trust hosts just over a million visits each year, it is estimated that there will be a rise of 150,000 extra visits on the previous year.

2009 2010	Q1 total	Q2 total	Q3 total
Total number of visitors across all CST facilities	356,853	289,985	280,839
Total number of visitors at Coventry Sports Centre	262,090	199,102	198,314
Total number of visitors at Foleshill Leisure Centre	31,881	24,803	16,182
Total number of visitors at Brandon Wood	10,595	12,080	4,003
Total number of visitors at Ricoh Arena	16,299	16,359	15,397
Total number of visitors at all Schools Sites	10,933	8,209	11,540
Total number of visitors at Moat House	25,055	29,432	35,403

- 3.6 The Trust has faced many challenges in the last year, The trust has opened the Moat house in Wood end, this facility continues to grow with numbers of visitors but as with every new site it requires time to reach it's full potential, the Quest score is due in March but is forecast to exceed 74%.
- 3.7 CST has obtained a quest score of 74%, this is due to their commitment to providing quality services. The Sports and leisure centre is host to over 40 clubs that participate on a regular basis and has over 750,000 visits every year.
- 3.8 CST makes an active contribution to many City Council and Coventry Partnership objectives by helping to tackle social exclusion and health inequalities in the City. The practice of managing City Council sports and leisure facilities through a Trust status body is also in keeping with the Governments agenda of partnership working and involving the many talents that people in the wider community have to offer in the running of local public services. The trust is seeking to work collaboratively with City Council, Primary care trust University Hospitals Coventry University CvOne and other organisations for the development of sport, leisure and community in Coventry.
- 3.9 Les Hems (Chairman of the Trustee's, due to work and family commitments has moved to Australia), he continues to aid the CST with the use of technology while the trust finds an adequate replacement.
- 3.10 The trust signed a new 7 year grant funding agreement with CCC This will enable the trust to go forward with the shared goals of the trust and City Council.
- 3.11 Last year there were concerns with the increase of utilities bills faced by the CST, CCC put forward extra monies to cope with the proviso that any monies not used be returned. These monies were integrated into the normal accounts of the CST and is now in a situation where CCC is due an amount of claw back revenue, this has raised concerns with the

projected trading figures, CCC position is that it requires the full claw back, CST could possibly be in a negative trading position within 12 months if the full claw back is implemented.

- 3.12 CCC and the sports trust have met and are working together to facilitate the best way in which the CCC are CST can continue to deliver sporting facilities to the residents of Coventry.
- 3.13 Early indication are that membership targets have been met and CST trust are at the moment bucking the national trend, concerns from CCC has facilitated the need for up to date financial information, CST has appointed a new financial manager and live information is now available to CCC within the first week after the month end figures.
- 3.14 Free swimming for the over 60's and under 16's is in place and is being used extensively the trust negotiated with the PCT who have helped with the shortfall in funding to enable the programme to run for the full two years.
- 3.15 CST has been looking at various ways to conserve energy and have been actively looking for ways to go forward with a more efficient green agenda. There are significant saving being made with no outlaying cost to CST.
- 3.16 CST has upgraded new lockers at Fairfax Street also an electronic entry systems to the sports centre, this has proved popular with members, the CST will have the security that people can no longer avoid paying for some of their services.

4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment

- 4.1 CST is responsible for managing a number of sporting facilities on behalf of the City Council that remain owned by the City Council. The Trust receives considerable annual financial backing from the City Council and it is essential that the City Council continue to appoint representatives onto the board of CST.

5 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

- 5.1 The City Council representatives are Councillors Lapsa and Khan. In the period January, 2009 to December, 2009 five meetings of the Coventry Sports Trust Limited were held. Councillor Lapsa attended four of the five meetings and Councillor Khan sent apologies for the two meetings that he was entitled to attend. Councillor Skipper who was a representative of the Trust until May, 2009 attended the two meetings he was entitled to attend.
- 5.2 There is no remuneration associated with the appointment.

List of background papers

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