



Coventry City Council

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Public report

Report to

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

15th June 2011

Report of

Councillor Mutton

Title

Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – Coventry Partnership Board 2010-2011

1 Purpose of the Report

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

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Council continues its membership of the Coventry Partnership Board.

3 Information on Work of Outside Body

- 3.1 The Coventry Partnership is the Coventry's Local Strategic Partnership (LSP). The Partnership brings together people from Coventry's key public, private, community and voluntary organisations to work together to improve the quality of life for local people in the city, raise aspirations and narrow the gap between the most disadvantage communities and the rest of the city.
- 3.2 It is a statutory requirement for every local authority to develop a Sustainable Community Strategy setting out the vision and priorities for its local area through an LSP. "Coventry – the next twenty years" is Coventry's Sustainable Community Strategy and is Coventry's third community plan.
- 3.3 The Coventry Partnership's structure encompasses a range of partnerships and thematic groups which work to identify local priorities and co-ordinate and commission partners' activity to achieve agreed outcomes. Strategic direction and collective agreement of priorities is provided by the Coventry Partnership Board which is made up of 40 senior people from organisations across the different sectors in the city. In 2010/11 the Board has been chaired by Roger Lewis, Director and Company Secretary of Peugeot Citroen in Coventry.
- 3.4 The Coventry Partnership Board has also been responsible with the City Council for agreeing and delivering the Coventry Local Area Agreement (LAA) over three years from 2008/09 to 2010/11. The LAA was negotiated with central government to deliver the Sustainable Community Strategy through an agreed set of local priorities for Coventry with a range of local indicators and targets set for each of these. A Local Public Service Board

(LPSB) has been set up within the Coventry Partnership's structure to undertake the performance management of the LAA for the Partnership. Progress on the LAA has been reported to the Council twice a year with the final report due to be taken to the Council meeting at the end of June 2011. Additional reports on the Coventry Partnership and its progress are taken to Scrutiny committees as appropriate during the year.

- 3.5 In 2010/11 the Coventry Partnership Board has led the refresh of the Coventry Sustainable Community Strategy with the aim of agreeing priorities for the partnership for the next three years. This will replace the Local Area Agreement and provide the focus for the Coventry Partnership's activities for 2011/12 – 2013/14. The revised strategy with priorities was agreed by the Coventry Partnership Board at its meeting in April and the strategy is due to be considered and approved by the City Council at the Council meeting at the end of June 2011.
- 3.6 Other areas of activity in 2010/11 included the Coventry Partnership's Board's on-going consideration of the impact the recession is having in Coventry and the Board members' collective assessment of the likely impact of the Comprehensive Spending Review on the city. The Board has also considered a number of other specific issues including: young people not in education employment or training; changes to the youth service; the activities of Business in the Community and the Probation service. The Board also agreed to prioritise activity on climate change for the Coventry Partnership in 2010/11 and, in particular, the development of a low-carbon Coventry. This work culminated in the very successful annual Coventry Partnership conference in December 2010.

4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment

- 4.1 The Coventry Partnership enables the Council to work with other key organisations in the city to improve the social economic and environmental well being of the people of Coventry and to improve the delivery of public services. This is particularly important in areas such as Economy and Jobs, Health, and Housing where the Council is not the lead party in delivering the services.
- 4.2 Membership of the Coventry Partnership meets the Council to meet the requirements of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

5 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

- 5.1 Council representation on the Coventry Partnership during 2010/11 was:-
Councillor Mutton
Councillor Duggins
Councillor McNicholas
Councillor Foster
Councillor Ridley
Councillor Taylor
- 5.2 Attendance at Coventry Partnership Board meetings during April 2010- Mar 2011 was:-
Councillor Mutton
Councillor Duggins
Councillor McNicholas
Councillor Foster
Councillor Ridley
Councillor Taylor
- 5.4 There is no remuneration associated with the appointment.

List of background papers

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