

**SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE**

**15<sup>th</sup> June 2011**

Members Present: Councillor Blundell  
Councillor Lakha  
Councillor Lancaster  
Councillor Mrs Lucas (Chair)  
Councillor McNicholas (Deputy Chair)  
Councillor Noonan (Substitute for Councillor Foster)  
Councillor Ruane  
Councillor Sawdon  
Councillor Taylor  
Councillor Welsh

Employees Present: R. Nawaz (Chief Executive's Directorate)  
J. Parry (Assistant Chief Executive)  
M. Salmon (Customer and Workforce Services Directorate)  
C. Steele (Chief Executive's Directorate)  
A. West (Chief Executive's Directorate)

Apologies: Councillor M. Mutton (no substitute)  
Councillor Foster (substitute Councillor Noonan)

**Public Business**

**1. Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Lancaster declared a personal interest in the matter the subject of minute 15/11 below headed 'Report Back on the Work of Outside Bodies - Coventry Citizens Advice Bureau Management Board 2010-2011' in so far as it referred to advice agency partners, with whom she had an employment link. Councillor Lancaster disclosed her interest and remained in the meeting for consideration of the matter.

Councillor Noonan declared a prejudicial interest in the matter the subject of minute 14/11 below headed 'Report Back on the Work of Outside Bodies - Coventry & Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership 2010-2011' in so far as it related to land at Baginton, as she was a land owner in this area. As the detail of the report was not discussed, Councillor Noonan remained in the meeting.

**2. Minutes**

(a) The minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2010 were signed as a true record.

(b) There were no matters arising.

### **3. Consideration of Call-in - Stage 1 – Objections to proposed Traffic Regulation Orders relating to the Coventry 2012 Public Realm and Olympic Legacy**

The Committee received a briefing note detailing the determination of validity of a Call-in that had been received relating to objections to proposed Traffic Regulation Orders relating to the Coventry 2012 Public Realm and Olympic Legacy, following consideration of the report at Cabinet Member (City Services) on 12th April 2011, when he decided to agree the following recommendations:-

- (1) Consider the objections to the proposed Traffic Regulation Orders.
- (2) Subject to recommendation 1, approve the implementation of the following Traffic Regulation Orders as advertised:
  - (i) City of Coventry (Various Locations, City Centre) (No.2) (Bus Lanes and Gateways) Revocation and Consolidation Order 2011
  - (ii) City of Coventry (City Centre) (No.1) (Prohibition of Driving, One Way, Variation and revocation) Order 2011
  - (iii) City of Coventry (Greyfriars Road) (Bus Lane Revocation) Order 2011
- (3) Subject to recommendation 1, approve the removal of the controlled pedestrian facilities as detailed in the Notice of Intents for the removal of controlled pedestrian facilities at:
  - (i) High Street/Little Park Street/Earl Street
  - (ii) Burges/Hale Street/Corporation Street/ Bishop Street
  - (iii) Warwick Road/New Union Street
  - (iv) Greyfriars Lane/New Union Street
- (4) Subject to recommendation 1, approve the installation of a toucan crossing as detailed in the Notice of Intent for installation of controlled pedestrian facilities at:  
Junction 6 – circulatory carriageway.
- (5) Approve the principles of eligibility for permits and times of permitted access of the permit scheme as detailed in Appendix C.

Subsequently, the following call-in relating to this decision was received from Councillors Lee, Andrews and Foster:-

- (1) What works are planned to ensure pedestrian safety at the Whittle Arch crossing with the proposed increase of bus transits of 40 per hour (as per AECOM report)?
- (2) What works are planned to ensure pedestrian safety at the Ironmonger Square crossing with the proposed increase of bus transits of 29 per hour (as per AECOM report)?
- (3) What works are planned to ensure pedestrian safety at the Hales Street Street/Corporation Street Junction crossing with the proposed increase of bus transits?
- (4) What evidence has been shown to show that Ironmonger Square and The Burges will have no significant increase in air pollution, and if it will increase, to what level, and what mitigation will be put in place?
- (5) What evidence has been shown that the displacement of traffic caused by the installation of traffic lights and a Toucan Crossing at J6 will not have a detrimental effect on the residents of Stoney Road, Humphrey Burton Road and Michaelmas Road?

(6) What evidence has been shown that the current traffic tailbacks from Central 6 island (primarily at weekends, and at 3.30 - 4.30 on school days), combined with the proposed traffic works at J6 will have little effect on current traffic movements around this area?

In accordance with the Council's Constitution, the Committee Chair, Councillor Lucas, considered the call-in against the criteria decided by the Committee and, having received advice from the Assistant Director (Democratic Services) and the Council Solicitor, determined the call-in to be inappropriate. The reasons for her decision were:

- (1) The call-in reasons numbered 1 to 4 are not directly related to the decision made because they are design matters and will follow the decision on the TRO.
- (2) The roads referred to in call-in reason 5 are not directly related to the decision made because these roads are remote from the proposed installation of the Toucan crossing at Junction 6.
- (3) Call-in reason 6 is not directly related to the decision made because it is a design matter and will follow the decision on the Notice of Intent.

The Members who submitted the call-in were informed of the Chair's decision and the reasons for it.

(NOTE: Councillor Sawdon requested that a vote be taken on whether further detailed discussion of the issue should take place. Following a show of hands it was decided that no further discussion should take place on the matter.)

#### **4. Scrutiny Boards' Annual Report to Council 2010/2011**

The Committee considered the Scrutiny Boards' Annual Report 2010/2011 prior to its consideration by the City Council. The Annual Report was drafted to comply with the requirements of paragraph 2.6.7.5 of the Council's Constitution, which stated "Scrutiny Boards must report annually to inform Council of their work and make recommendations for future work programmes and amended working methods if appropriate".

The report highlighted examples of scrutiny work which illustrated the range of issues covered by the Scrutiny Boards, these had included: how the Council was supporting the creation of jobs in a challenging economic climate; the role of the organisation in looking after vulnerable children and adults; and the Council's approach to gritting the roads to keep the city moving in the winter. The report also provided links to more information about the full range of activity undertaken by Scrutiny during the year. Although Scrutiny had no budgets to allocate, services to direct or any executive decision-making powers of its own, it had an important role to play on behalf of the people of Coventry in challenging performance, helping to shape policy development and holding the Cabinet Members to account. Scrutiny had strengthened over the last 12 months, building on the developments made in recent years.

#### **RESOLVED that:**

- (1) the report be amended to include references to two key pieces of work undertaken by the Boards: Scrutiny Board 3 - the Car Parking Strategy; Joint Meeting of Scrutiny Boards 2 and 5 - School Meals and Children's Health Issues.**
- (2) the Scrutiny Boards' 2010/2011 Annual Report be approved for submission to the City Council on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2011.**

## 5. Council Plan 2011/2012 – 2013/2014

The Committee considered a report of the Assistant Chief Executive that sought approval for the Council Plan 2011/12 -2013/14, in line with the Council's Constitution.

The Council's previous Corporate Plan was adopted in 2008 and had a three year lifespan, which ended in March 2011. At the same time, the review of the Sustainable Community Strategy and changes to the national performance frameworks for local councils had meant that a refresh of the Corporate Plan was timely. The new Council Plan 2011/12 -2013/14 was a new Corporate Plan for the Council. The Plan provided the strategic direction for the Council over the next three years and the priorities set within it were aligned to the aspirations of the revised Sustainable Community Strategy, as well as the Council's own improvement agenda.

Coventry's Sustainable Community Strategy set out the long-term vision and aspirations for Coventry and provided strategic direction for the Council and other organisations in the City. This had been reviewed and a set of priorities for the City for the next three years agreed.

A new Corporate Plan had been developed based on the new vision for the Council approved in March 2011 and had been revised alongside the review of the Sustainable Community Strategy. Renamed the *Council Plan 2011/2012-2013/2014*, the new Plan set out how the council intended to work towards achieving the City's vision over the next three years and how the council would work to improve its services for local people. Once adopted the Council Plan would form the cornerstone of the Council's policy and performance management framework.

The Plan, that followed the vision agreed by Cabinet in March 2011 and was aligned to the refreshed Sustainable Community Strategy, was organised in two parts:

- *Part one - Our priorities* set out the vision, values, how the organisation would work and the objectives.
- *Part two – measuring progress* set out in detail what policies and strategies were in place to help achieve priorities and how progress would be measured towards this.

The vision was: Coventry, proud to be a city that works; for jobs and growth; for better streets and pavements; to support and celebrate our young people; and to protect our most vulnerable residents. To achieve this vision, the Council had identified a number of priorities and objectives it needed to deliver. These were: objectives, based on the vision, that needed to be delivered for the city; values for the council; organisational objectives which aimed to improve how the council worked to achieve the vision and priorities.

The Council Plan would use a balanced scorecard approach to help the Council measure progress and show how it was contributing to the goals of the Sustainable Community Strategy, the Council's own improvement priorities and the values the Council would apply to the way it worked.

Following the abolition of the Comprehensive Area Assessment and the national indicator set for local government, the Council had revised its performance management framework. The revised framework reflected the loosening of national performance frameworks and aimed to meet the needs of the Council corporately. The measurement and review of performance at corporate level would continue to be based on a balanced scorecard approach. The delivery of the Council's corporate objectives was also supported by a range of policies and strategies, each with its own delivery plan. Reporting on the Council Plan would reflect progress on the key strategies and provide analysis of the Council's performance on its objectives by using a range of performance measures and other relevant information.

The Committee discussed various aspects of the report, in particular, they sought clarification of the monitoring of Low Carbon industry and suggested marketing to improve the ranking of Coventry in the Country's retail sector.

**RESOLVED that the report be noted and that Cabinet be informed that the Committee did not wish to forward any comments to them.**

## **6. Customer Management Review – Task and Finish Group**

The Committee received a briefing note from the Scrutiny Co-ordinator that requested agreement to formally establish a Customer Management Review – Task and Finish Group.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011 a briefing was held for all Elected Members about the Customer Management Review, which was looking at improving and making more consistent the way in which the Council managed contacts with its customers. At that briefing Members indicated that they wanted to be involved in the review by means of a Task and Finish Group, supporting specific aspects of the work. Since then, the Members that had shown an interest and would comprise the Group were: Councillor Fletcher; Councillor Johnson; Councillor Lucas; and Councillor Mal Mutton. The scope, timeframe and objectives of the Group would be agreed at the first meeting.

**RESOLVED that:**

- (1) approval be given to the establishment of the Customer Management Review - Task and Finish Group, with the membership comprising Councillors Fletcher, Johnson, Lucas and Mutton.**
- (2) the final report on the findings of the Task and Finish Group be submitted to Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee and the Council Resources, Communities and Sport Scrutiny Board (Scrutiny Board 1).**

## **7. Report Back on Conference – Civic Visit to Dresden**

The Committee noted a report of the Lord Mayor of the City of Coventry 2010/2011, Councillor Kelsey, that provided details of the civic visit to Dresden, Germany on 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> February 2011 and the positive outcomes of the event.

The report indicated that the link between the two cities, that saw the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the relationship, was based on civic links of the two administrations and relationships between the Dresden Cathedral and Coventry Cathedral. The visit involved a number of ceremonial events as part of their remembrance weekend and the itinerary for the visit was aimed at strengthening connections between the cities of Dresden and Coventry, with a diverse range of meetings, visits and ceremonial events.

## **8. Report Back on the Work of Outside Body – Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Leaders Board 2010/2011**

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Mutton that detailed the work of the Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Leaders Board over the preceding 12 months and included details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

Membership of the Coventry Solihull and Warwickshire Leaders Board enabled the City Council to influence and work with other local authorities within the sub-region on issues that

needed to be addressed at a sub-regional level and to work across local authority boundaries to identify and develop opportunities for making better use of public resources including the provision of shared services where appropriate.

**RESOLVED that the City Council continues to appoint representatives to the Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Leaders Board.**

#### **9. Report Back on the Work of Outside Body – Enterprising Coventry Partnership Board 2010/2011**

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Bigham that detailed the work and achievements of the Enterprising Coventry Partnership Board over the preceding 12 months and included details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

By appointing representatives to the Enterprising Coventry Partnership Board the Council provided a direct link between the Board and the Accountable Body, ensuring that the risk of breaching funding guidelines was minimised. It ensured that the City Council as a partner, was able to influence the decisions taken by the Board and that the Authority could add value and establish strategic links with the Programme. It also provided a direct link between Cabinet and the Enterprising Coventry Partnership Board in terms of progress and performance updates. The programme, which aimed to increase entrepreneurship and employment in the City, ended in March 2011 and the Board was formally decommissioned in May 2011.

**RESOLVED that:**

**(1) the achievements of the Enterprising Coventry Partnership Board, that has received support from three Councillors of which the Cabinet Member (City Development) was Chair of this Board, be noted.**

**(2) as the Programme ended in March 2011 and the Board decommissioned in May 2011, no further appointments to the Enterprising Coventry Partnership Board are required.**

#### **10. Report Back on the Work of Outside Body – Grace Academy Foundation 2010/2011**

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Kelly that detailed the work of the Grace Academy over the preceding 12 months and included details of attendance by the City Council's representative.

Elected Member representation on the Board helped maintain a good relationship with the Academy and facilitated exchanges of information between the Academy and the City Council.

**RESOLVED that the City Council continues to appoint a representative to the Grace Academy Foundation.**

#### **11. Report Back on the Work of Outside Body – Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside of London Adjudication Joint Committee (PATROLAJC) and Bus Lane Adjudication Service Joint Committee (BLASJC) 2010/2011**

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Harvard that detailed the work of the Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside of London Adjudication Joint Committee (PATROLAJC) and the Bus Lane Adjudication Service Joint Committee (BLASJC) over the preceding 12 months and included details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

The benefit of the Council being a member of PATROLAJC and BLASJC was to enable it to have access to the national adjudication service. As a result the Council was able to comply with a legal requirement under Sections 80 and 81 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 which entitled any person receiving a penalty charge notice for a parking contravention or bus lane contravention to appeal to an Adjudicator if the Council rejected his/her formal representation. Without this, the Council would not be able to undertake civil parking enforcement.

**RESOLVED that the City Council continues to appoint representatives to the Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside of London Adjudication Joint Committee (PATROLAJC) and Bus Lane Adjudication Service Joint Committee (BLASJC)**

#### **12. Report Back on the Work of Outside Body – Special Interest Groups of Municipal Authorities (SIGOMA) 2010-2011**

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Bains that detailed the work of the Special Interest Groups of Municipal Authorities (SIGOMA) over the preceding 12 months and included details of attendance by the City Council's representative.

As a Member of SIGOMA, Coventry City Council was able to take part in the lobbying of government and sharing views and support of other members. SIGOMA staff advised and consulted all member authorities obtaining concerns and views.

**RESOLVED that the City Council continues to appoint a representative to the Special Interest Groups of Municipal Authorities (SIGOMA).**

#### **13. Report Back on the Work of Outside Body – West Midlands Superannuation Committee 2010-2011**

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Bains that detailed the work of the West Midlands Superannuation Committee over the preceding 12 months and included details of attendance by the City Council's representative.

The City Council was a member of the Scheme and appointed a representative onto the Committee in order to safeguard the Council's interests both as an employer and to safeguard the investments made on behalf of employees. The Committee provided training to its members to assist in their understanding of the complexities of different types of investments. A minimum of twelve months was required to gain sufficient knowledge to contribute to the decision making process in order to safeguard the Council's interests it being recognised that those members with experience made the most valuable contribution to debate.

**RESOLVED that the City Council continues to appoint a representative to the West Midlands Superannuation Committee.**

#### **14. Report Back on the Work of Outside Body – Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership 2010-2011**

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Mutton that detailed the work of the Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) over the preceding 12 months and included details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

Membership of the LEP enabled Coventry City Council to work in partnership across the sub-region to deliver its own economic development strategy and provided a clear role in influencing and enabling stronger public/private partnership working to deliver economic growth.

**RESOLVED that the work of the Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership be noted and that the City Council continues to appoint a representative to the Partnership.**

**15. Report Back on the Work of Outside Body – Coventry Citizen Advice Bureau Management Board 2010-2011**

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Gazey that detailed the work of the Coventry Citizen Advice Bureau Management Board over the preceding 12 months and included details of attendance by the City Council's representative.

The Citizens Advice Bureau was a service funded by the City Council. Membership of the Board of Trustees ensured involvement in determining policy and in performance monitoring and management of resources.

**RESOLVED that the City Council continues to appoint a representative to the Coventry Citizen Advice Bureau Management Board.**

**16. Report Back on the Work of Outside Body – Coventry Partnership Board 2010-2011**

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Mutton that detailed the work of the Coventry Partnership Board over the preceding 12 months and included details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

The Coventry Partnership enabled the Council to work with other key organisations in the City to improve the social, economic and environmental well being of the people of the City and to improve the delivery of public services. This was important in areas such as Economy and Jobs, Health, and Housing where the Council was not the lead party in service delivery. Membership of the Coventry Partnership assisted the Council in meeting the requirements of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

**RESOLVED that the City Council continues to appoint representatives to the Coventry Partnership Board.**

**17. Report Back on the Work of Outside Body – Coventry Refugee Centre 2010-2011**

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Chater that detailed the work of the Coventry refugee Centre over the preceding 12 months and included details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

Appointing representatives to the Centre contributed to achieving the City Councils policies around combating poverty and to achieving community cohesion.

The Committee discussed attendance at the meetings of the Centre and were provided with confirmation of those representatives appointed to the organisation.

**RESOLVED that the City Council continues to appoint representatives to the Coventry Refugee Centre.**

**18. Report Back on the Work of Outside Body – West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority 2010-2011**



The Committee considered a report of Councillor McNicholas that detailed the work of the West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority over the preceding 12 months and included details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

The benefit of appointing to the Authority ensured representation and influenced public transport policy with special regard to Coventry's interests in bus services, rail services and future proposals for British Road Transport and other initiatives. Coventry's three members included a Lead Member for Diversity and Equality and the Leader of the Opposition.

**RESOLVED that the City Council continues to appoint representatives to the West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority.**

#### **19. Report Back on the Work of Outside Body–Older Peoples Partnership Board 2010-2011**

The Committee considered a report of Councillor O'Boyle that detailed the work of the Older Peoples Partnership Board over the preceding 12 months and included details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

The City Council's appointment to the Board demonstrated to stakeholders, the high profile and influence the Partnership had on Cabinet Members and the Council. The Cabinet Member (Community Services) was updated with new initiatives and services which were presented at Partnership meetings from various sources. The Cabinet Member could promote new initiatives and services raised at the Partnership with colleagues and the community; this raised the profile and uptake of services, increasing quality of life. It was also a key link for the Cabinet Member to fulfil their role of Older People's Champion within the Council and have a strategic overview.

**RESOLVED that the City Council continues to appoint representatives to the Older Peoples Partnership Board.**

#### **20. Report Back on the Work of Outside Body – West Midlands Leaders Board - Member Development Steering Group 2010-2011**

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Abbott that detailed the work of the West Midlands Leaders Board – Member Development Steering Group over the preceding 12 months and included details of attendance by the City Council's representative.

The benefits to the City Council of appointment to the Board included sharing best practice and knowledge in the area of Elected Member development on a regional level; ensuring a best practice approach to Member development was brought back to Coventry City Council; widening access to training for Members in other areas within the West Midlands through the network; helping to reduce costs for councils where shared training was available; showed commitment to Member development and the Member Development Charter, and provision of access to shared training calendar used across Member authorities

**RESOLVED that the City Council continues to appoint representatives to the West Midlands Leaders Board - Member Development Steering Group.**

#### **21. Report Back on the Work of Outside Body – Coventry Schools Admissions Forum 2010-2011**

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Kelly that detailed the work of the Coventry Schools Admissions Forum over the preceding 12 months and included details of

attendance by the City Council's representatives.

Admission Forums had a key role in ensuring a fair admissions system that promoted social equity, did not disadvantage one child compared to another and which was straightforward and easy for parents to understand. Forums were responsible for monitoring compliance with this Code and had important powers to publish a report on the effectiveness of local admission arrangements and to refer an objection to the Schools Adjudicator where they considered admission arrangements to be unfair or not in accordance with this Code. Representation on this Forum was a regulatory requirement. Regulations provided that "the core members of a Forum should comprise at least one and not more than 5 who were Members of the Authority".

**RESOLVED that, to comply with regulatory requirements, the City Council continues to appoint representatives to the Coventry Schools Admissions Forum**

## **22. Report Back on the Work of Outside Body – Belgrade Theatre Trust 2010-2011**

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Abbott that detailed the work of the Belgrade Theatre Trust over the preceding 12 months and included details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

Coventry City Council was a major sponsor of the Belgrade Theatre, which was a significant contributor to the cultural life of the City and an important vehicle to deliver educational programmes.

**RESOLVED that the City Council continues to appoint representatives to the Belgrade Theatre Trust.**

## **23. Report Back on the Work of Outside Body – Local Government Association Urban Commission 2010-2011**

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Gazey that detailed the work of the Local Government Association Urban Commission over the preceding 12 months and included details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

Appointment to the Association enabled the Council to meet Councillors from other Authorities, listen to problems and responses and link nationally with Government.

**RESOLVED that the City Council continues to appoint representatives to the Local Government Association Urban Commission.**

## **24. Report Back on the Work of Outside Body – Coventry and Solihull Waste Disposal Company Limited Shareholders Panel 2010-2011**

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Harvard that detailed the work of the Coventry and Solihull Waste Disposal Company Limited Shareholders Panel (CSWDC) over the preceding 12 months and included details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

The City Council's appointment to the Shareholders Panel ensured: the governance of CSWDC in accordance with the shareholder agreement; local accountability for waste disposal arrangements; and the continued successful operation of the Energy from Waste plant through effective performance monitoring.

**RESOLVED that the City Council continues to appoint representatives to the Coventry and Solihull Waste Disposal Company Limited Shareholders Panel.**

**25. Report Back on the Work of Outside Body – University of Warwick Science Park 2010-2011**

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Bigham that detailed the work of the University of Warwick Science Park over the preceding 12 months and included details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

The City Council were the largest shareholder in the Company and were required by its constitution to be present at Board and other meetings. Through its attendance the Council representatives played a role in the corporate decision making of the company. The Council appointed 2 directors to the Board the constitution of the companies allowed for an alternate to represent the Council if either of the representatives were unavailable, so that the Board was quorate. Subject to the completion of the disposal of Council interests in the company, the Council's directors would resign their positions.

The Committee discussed attendance at the meetings of the Board and other meetings and were provided with confirmation of those representatives appointed to the organisation.

**RESOLVED that the City Council continues to appoint representatives to the University of Warwick Science Park.**

**26. Report Back on the Work of Outside Body – Coventry Heritage and Arts Trust 2010-2011**

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Skipper that detailed the work of the Coventry Heritage and Arts Trust over the preceding 12 months and included details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

The City Council was a major sponsor of Coventry Heritage and Arts Trust, which was a significant contributor to the cultural life of the city and an important vehicle to deliver educational programmes.

The Committee discussed attendance at the meetings of the Trust and other meetings and were provided with confirmation of those representatives appointed to the organisation.

**RESOLVED that the City Council continues to appoint representatives to the Coventry Heritage and Arts Trust 2010-2011.**

**27. Report Back on the Work of Outside Body–Birmingham International Airport 2010-2011**

The Committee considered a report of Councillor McNicholas that detailed the work of the Birmingham International Airport over the preceding 12 months and included details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

Membership of the Board provided an opportunity to understand and influence the Company. The performance and development of the Airport, in which the Council had a financial stake, was of significance to the regional economy, whilst its financial performance dictated the stream of dividends to its shareholders. The Authority's interest in the Airport,

which was situated close to the City's boundaries, also included planning and development issues that arose from the Airport's operation and expansion.

**RESOLVED that the City Council continues to appoint representatives to the Birmingham International Airport.**

**28. Report Back on the Work of Outside Body – Mental Health Partnership Board 2010-2011**

The Committee considered a report of Councillor O'Boyle that detailed the work of the Mental Health Partnership Board over the preceding 12 months and included details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

Appointment to the board ensured maintaining a focus on promoting mental health and well-being in Coventry, developing policy and strategy to ensure a recovery/personalised model of care was embedded, and providing and shaping commissioning recommendations to NHS Coventry and Coventry City Council to meet the agreed strategies, policies and priorities.

The Committee discussed the scheduling of meetings, in particular, they expressed their concern that there had been no meetings of the Board held since August 2010.

**RESOLVED that the City Council continues to appoint representatives to the Mental Health Partnership Board.**

**29. Report Back on the Work of Outside Body – Sidney Stringer Academy 2010-2011**

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Welsh that detailed the work of the Sidney Stringer Academy over the preceding 12 months and included details of attendance by the City Council's representative.

Elected Member representation on the Board helped maintain a good relationship with the Academy and facilitated exchanges of information between the Academy and the City Council. Coventry City Council was one of the main sponsors of the Academy along with City College, Coventry University and Jaguar.

**RESOLVED that the City Council continues to appoint representatives to the Sidney Stringer Academy.**

**30. Report Back on the Work of Outside Body – New Deal for Communities Partnership Board 2010-2011**

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Maton that detailed the work of the New Deal for Communities Partnership Board over the preceding 12 months and included details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

Coventry City Council remained the Accountable Body for the NDC Programme which was Government funded to support projects between 2001 and 2011, to regenerate the Wood End/Henley Green/Manor Farm/Deedmore area of Coventry through the improvement of social, economic and physical conditions in the area. The NDC Programme had now ended leaving no single comprehensive government funding programme aimed at social, economic or environmental regeneration within the City, this was likely to have significant implications for the future of the most disadvantaged areas of Coventry and the people who lived there.

**RESOLVED that, as the Programme had ended, no further appointments to the New Deal for Communities Partnership Board were required.**

(Note: Since the report was considered, Councillor Lapsa had indicated that Councillor Kelly and Councillor Maton were the City Council representatives for 2010/2011 and that he was not appointed to the Board.)

**31. Report Back on the Work of Outside Body – Whitefriars Housing Association 2010-2011**

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Maton that detailed the work of the Whitefriars Housing Association over the preceding 12 months and included details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

The Authority representatives supported a governance structure that maintained a close connection with Coventry City Council and reinforced the link between the Council's strategic housing function and the delivery of social housing in the City and surrounding area.

**RESOLVED that the City Council continues to appoint representatives to the Whitefriars Housing Association**

**32. Report Back on the Work of Outside Body–Governing Body of City College 2010-2011**

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Maton that detailed the work of the Governing Body of City College over the preceding 12 months and included details of attendance by the City Council's representative.

The City College played a crucial role in promotion of and provision of learning in the City and surrounding area. Its future role in supporting the Academy at Sidney Stringer was testament to its commitment, driven by Governors and staff, to excellent provision of education in the City. The opportunity to connect the City Council's own corporate objectives linked to learning with the provision available through City College via membership of the Corporation, was one that should continue to be supported. The process of appointment was now undertaken by appointing Independent Governors through the Corporation's Search Committee.

**RESOLVED that;**

- (1) The City Council continues to support and encourage the Governing Body of City College to appoint a City Council representative to its Corporation.**
- (2) The Reports Back on Outside Bodies Template be revised to include a section requiring the provision of details of the financial support provided by the City Council to the organisation.**
- (3) The Committee were reminded that provision was made on the agenda for Council meetings for Oral Questions to Representatives on Outside Bodies should they wish to raise any specific issues with individual Elected Members, particularly in respect of attendance at meetings.**
- (4) The Committee noted that work was continuing on reporting back on the work of outside bodies with a view to rationalising the process.**

33. **Outstanding Issues**

There were no outstanding issues.

34. **Meeting Evaluation**

The Committee were satisfied with the content and structure of the meeting.