



Report to

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

17th April, 2013

Report of

Cllr. Abdul Salam Khan

Title

Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – Coventry Heritage and Arts Trust

1 Purpose of the Report

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

2 Recommendations

- i) Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee notes the report and the work undertaken by the body.
- ii) Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommends that Council continues to appoint two councillors to the Coventry Heritage & Arts Trust.

3 Information on Work of Outside Body

The Coventry Heritage & Arts Trust (the Trust) was founded in April 2008 in order to manage three key heritage and arts sites in the city – the Herbert Art Gallery and Museum, the Lunt Roman Fort and the Priory Visitor Centre. The Herbert Art Gallery and Museum is Coventry's creative media centre and history centre as well as an art gallery and museum, and provides the principal focus of activity.

The Lunt Roman Fort is the only reconstructed Roman wooden fort in Britain. The Lunt Roman Fort dates from around AD60 and is thought to have been built as a result of the battle between Boudicca and the Roman Legions. The Priory Visitor Centre and Undercroft house the remains of Coventry's first Benedictine Monastery, dissolved by Henry VIII, and following a dig from Channel 4's Time Team displays the remains of many of the medieval buildings, finds and excavations.

Coventry Heritage and Arts Trust manages the Herbert Art Gallery and Museum, Lunt Roman Fort and Priory Visitor Centre and Undercrofts on behalf of Coventry City Council.

We also receive substantial funding from the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council (MLA) through the Renaissance in the Regions programme.

The Herbert redevelopment project is jointly funded by Coventry City Council, the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF),

Renaissance West Midlands, the Department of Culture Media and Sport (DCMS) Wolfson Foundation Fund, Advantage West Midlands and English Heritage

4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment

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

5 What Financial Contribution Does the Council Make to this Organisation

5.1 The City Council provides grant funding to the organisation, which has declined over the last financial year.

6 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

6.1 Coventry City Council's representatives for Coventry Heritage and Arts Trust for 2012/13 were Councillors John Blundell and Abdul Khan. In the period April 2012 to March 2013, there were four meetings of the Trust Board. Cllr. John Blundell attended all four of the Board meetings, and Councillor Khan attended two of the four Board meetings.

6.2 There is no remuneration associated with the appointment.

List of background papers

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Schedule of City Council Appointments to outside Bodies

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