

# **Public report**

# **Report to Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee**

19<sup>11</sup> March, 2014

#### **Report of** Councillor R Lakha

### Title

Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies - Coventry Association for International Friendship

# 1 Purpose of the Report

1.1 This report sets out details of the work of Coventry Association for International Friendship over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representative.

### 2 Recommendations

2.1 City Council should continue to support Coventry Association for International Friendship.

#### 3 Information on Work of Outside Body

3.1 Exchange of citizen groups with twin and partner cities and towns and cultural exchanges forging friendships, publicising Coventry and upholding our city's reputation for peace and reconciliation.

#### 4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment

4.1 As Council representative I was able to see the activities of C.A.I.F when when I accompanied the visit to Warsaw. Similarly I am aware of how C.A.I.F. is raising its profile to promote the concept of Council's agenda for promoting Peace through International links. As Council is now enhancing its agenda to incorporate economic development it is important that C.A.I.F need to be kept in line with City Council's thoughts.

# 5 What Financial Contribution Does the Council Make to this Organisation

- 5.1 Annual inflation-linked grant, currently £1250.
- 5.2 This support was mostly in kind such as using St Mary's Guild Hall for Peace Concert.

# 6 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

- 6.1 Councillor Lakha attended all five formal meetings from May 2012 (AGM) to April 2013: i.e. May, September, November, January, March. In addition he attended three social events that bind our members together, and also the CAIF concert in the Coventry Peace Festival, November 2013.
- 6.2 There is no remuneration for any members of committee and all activities are through dedicated volunteers.

List of background papers

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