



Report to

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

3rd September, 2014

Report of

Councillor Linda Bigham

Title

Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – The Coventry Law Centre

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 This report sets out details of the work of **Coventry Law Centre**, *web site* <http://covlaw.org.uk/> over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

2 Recommendations

That appointment should be made to Coventry Law Centre due to the nature of its work and to the level of financial support from the City Council

3 Information on Work of Outside Body

From the Annual Report, the Coventry Law Centre states its purpose as, 'To fight social exclusion in communities and to effect change in society by increasing rights awareness and using legal processes to fight poverty, inequality and discrimination.'

'We seek to make our services accessible to those who are vulnerable, disadvantaged and socially excluded.'

4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment

Members are able to set the direction for the Law Centre, are able to scrutinise annual accounts and are responsible for electing the Trustees who make up the Management Committee of the Law Centre.

5 What Financial Contribution Does the Council Make to this Organisation

In 2012/2013 the financial contribution from the City Council was £513,729.

6 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

- 6.1 Coventry City Council's representatives on Coventry Law Centre for the past year were Councillors Mrs Bigham and Foster. During the period January 2013 to January 2014 inclusive, Councillor Mrs Bigham attended six of the eight meetings held.

6.2 There is no remuneration associated with this appointment.

List of background papers

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