



Report to
Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

9th March, 2016

Report of
Cllr Abdul Salam Khan

Title
Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre

1 Purpose of the Report

1.1 This report sets out details of the work of Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

2 Recommendations

2.1 That the City Council should continue to make appointments to the Board of the Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre (CRMC).

3 Information on Work of Outside Body

- 3.1 The CRMC seek to identify and meet the needs of refugees and migrants in Coventry through the provision of projects and services which help them to settle into local communities, supporting effective integration and encouraging them to make a full contribution to the life of the City.
- 3.2 CRMC is the primary source of support and assistance to all migrants and refugees living in the City. The Centre provides a drop in service hosts a range of activities to support the specific needs of various clients and offers referral into other local services as appropriate. Services at the Centre are well used and the City Council works in partnership with them to identify priorities for service development and in assessing the needs of groups with high needs.
- 3.3 Since July 2014 CRMC has been part of a partnership of voluntary sector partners working with the City Council to meet the needs of vulnerable Syrian refugees resettled in the City under a UK Government programme.
- 3.4 For more detailed information about the work of the CRMC please use the link included below to the 2014/15 Annual Report.

4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment

4.1 The work of the CRMC supports several City Council policies and priorities particularly those linked to meeting the needs of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged residents living in the City.

- 4.2 Councillors bring added value to the work of the CRMC by supporting policy development and maintaining an overview of the performance of CRMC services as well as maintaining a monitoring brief on demands placed on these services by changing trends in migration.
- 4.3 Councillors regularly support CRMC in their campaigning work to promote integration in the City and in making sure that the needs of asylum seekers, refugees and other migrants are understood both within the City Council and in the wider City.

5 What Financial Contribution Does the Council Make to this Organisation

- 5.1 Amount of grant payable by the Council to the Grant Recipient is as follows:
 - 2013/14 £ 528,155.00
 - 2014/15 £ 498,155.00
 - 2015/16 £ 387,752.00

6 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

- 6.1 CRMC meetings are held on a bi-monthly basis and over the last year Cllr Abdul Khan was able to attend 4/6 of these meetings. This appointment receives no remuneration.
- 6.2 The City Council is also represented on this body by Cllr Alan Andrews.

List of background papers

Link to CRMC Annual Report:

http://issuu.com/coventryrefugee/docs/sabir_reportb/1

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