



Coventry City Council

# Public report

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Report to Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019

Report of  
Cllr Ram Lakha

**Title**

Annual Report on the Work Of Outside Bodies – **Whitefriars Housing Group**

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**1 Purpose of the Report**

1.1 This report sets out details of the work of **Whitefriars Housing Group** over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives/nominated Members.

1.2 Local Stakeholder Boards have taken place so far:

**23 May 2018**

Cllr Lakha - Attended

Cllr Bains - Attended

Cllr Thomas - Attended

**18 September 2018**

Cllr Lakha - Attended

Cllr Bains - Attended

Cllr Thomas - Attended

**19 December 2018**

Cllr Lakha - Attended

Cllr Bains - Apologies

Cllr Thomas - Apologies

1.3 Whitefriars Housing Group owns 18,104 houses in Coventry. Which is biggest Social Housing stock in Coventry.

1.4 Because City Council does not have any housing stock to fulfil our legal obligations, City Council needs to work with Whitefriars Housing Group as partner for Council's housing priorities. Hence 3 Councillors are now on the Whitefriars Strategic Stake Holders Board.

1.5 WM Housing group is going through its transformation plan.

## **2 Recommendations**

2.1 To meet City Council's priorities, Council should continue working with Whitefriars Housing Group through its representatives and also through other formal and informal ways to meet its objectives.

## **3 Information on Work of Outside Body**

3.1 Whitefriars Housing Group is Part of WM Housing Group. WM Housing Group Board oversees Whitefriars Housing here in Coventry, Family Housing Association in Birmingham, Optima Community Association and West Mercia Homes. Previously Coventry City Council representatives sat on this Board. Directors Board. But as the law changed, Councillors do not sit on main Board of WM Housing. We sit on Whitefriars Local Stakeholders Board. Hence the role is changed.

3.2 WM Housing group is going through its transformation plan.

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

4.1 Whitefriars Housing owns 18,104 properties and is major Social Housing supplier in Coventry. Therefore any Housing Policy can only be successful if we as City Council work alongside the Housing Stake-Holders such as Whitefriars Housing in our city.

4.2 Whitefriars Housing also contributes towards our objectives of economic development being a one of the local employer and also working in partnership to develop area such a Manor farm and other areas.

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

5.1 The City Council does not make a specific contribution towards Whitefriars. All transactions are based on contractual agreements and payments linked to the specific delivery of services or projects.

## **6 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment**

6.1 Remuneration £2,000 per annum per appointment.

List of background papers

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**Description of paper**

Schedule of City Council Appointments to Outside Bodies

**Location:**

Council House, Room 79