
Council Meeting

18th September, 2012

Booklet 3

Answers to Written Questions

1.

QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Foster

TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Mrs Bigham

TEXT OF QUESTION:

Given the arrangements for reports from the City Council's Representatives on Outside Bodies, can the Chair outline what arrangements she will be making for the City Council's 2 representatives on the Board of Arena Coventry Limited to update the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee on their work?

Answer

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee can decide which of the outside bodies, to which the Council appoints representatives at the annual meeting, should report to scrutiny. At its meeting on 12th September, the Committee received a report from a task and finish group that it had established to make recommendations about which outside bodies which should be asked to make reports this year.

The Council does not appoint elected members to Arena Coventry Limited at the annual meeting so this does not fall within the outside body reporting arrangements. Martin Reeves and Chris West are directors of Arena Coventry Limited and were appointed by the ACL Board in accordance with the Company's articles to appoint two directors on behalf of the holders of 50% of the shares in ACL.

As part of their work, Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee identified that there are organisations in which the council has a financial interest but to which the council does not appoint elected member representatives. On 12th September the Committee endorsed a recommendation to be made to the next meeting of the Cabinet Member Policy Leadership and Governance that he should identify how these organisations can best report to elected members.

2.

QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Foster

TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor J Mutton

TEXT OF QUESTION:

In light of the current situation surrounding SISU, CCFC and ACL, a company in which the City Council owns a 50% shareholding, will the Leader outline:

i) what role he has played in any discussions with ACL, SISU OR CCFC about the level of rent to be paid by CCFC for use of the Ricoh Arena

Answer: None.

ii) Has he on behalf of the City Council set any financial threshold that ACL must seek to return to the Council in future

Answer: No.

iii) Have there been any discussions about SISU acquiring the City Council's shareholding in ACL or varying the position in relation to the City Council as a shareholder

Answer: No.

iv) What arrangements will he be making for any agreement that could see the alteration of the City Council's future income as a shareholder to be debated and agreed by Councillors

Answer: It will come back to Full Council.