



Report to

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

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 The Coventry Law Centre over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Coventry City Council should continue to nominate two elected members due to the nature of its work and the level of financial support that the Council supplies.

3 Information on Work of Outside Body

(From the web-site)Coventry Law Centre is a charity employing Solicitors and paralegals to offer free legal advice and representation in the areas of , Community Care, Discrimination, Employment, Family, Housing, Immigration and Asylum, Money and Debt, Public Law and Welfare Benefits to the people of Coventry.

This can be found in the on-line report below:

<http://www.covlaw.org.uk/clc/downloads/impact%20report%202011-12.pdf>

4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment

- 4.1 By attending members can set direction, scrutinise accounts, and take part in the election of trustees.

5 What Financial Contribution Does the Council Make to this Organisation

- 5.1 The City Council 2011-2012 made a contribution of £513,729.00

6 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

- 6.1 Coventry City Council's representatives for the Coventry Law Centre are Councillors Mrs Bigham and Foster. Both Councillor Mrs Bigham and Councillor Foster attended the AGM held in October. Councillor Mrs Bigham attended 7 out of a possible 8 meetings of the Board of Trustees which she has been elected to.
- 6.2 There is no remuneration associated with the appointment.

List of background papers

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Schedule of City Council Appointments to outside Bodies

Location: CH59