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CP

Good afternoon.

My apologies for not writing to follow up on our meeting the other week more promptly - I covered 2200 miles last month!

Very many thanks for agreeing to come onto the Advisory Group. We are starting to work on dates for next year so as to get maximum attendance.

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CHAIR OF THE ADVISORY GROUP

I've approached Tim Melville-Ross - it turns out he was a trustee of CP in the early days - no go, but clearly an ally.

Consensus from the Advisors that they do not want David Sheepshanks on the group at all.

The running list (in order) at present is:

Terry Hunt (would be great, but I doubt he would commit the time - I would need to warm him up over a period)

David Coe of Coes Department Store (I don't know him, and wonder if he is too 'Ipswich')

Chris Bushby

I got the impression you were kicking ideas round in your head when we met - ideas and comments welcome.

PARTICIPANTS APPROVED

John McLeod of LSC

Ian Palmer of HMP Hollesley Bay

Wil Gibson of ACRE (subject to him coming up with more than the £450 he has offered to date)

Gerald Main of BBC Radio Suffolk

Chief Inspector Mike Gooch from Bury St Edmunds

SCC PARTICIPANTS

As discussed, the idea of three from across the organisation would be great - 'tho I fear for the health of your trg budget! District Councils are proving to be very coy, so it would be great if you can fill the gap. My wish list would be for nominations to include sbdy from social svces / the child focussed service and sbdy from the education arena.

Can you introduce me to the Chief Fire Officer?

SCHOOLS

I have written to Shaun O'Neill of Leiston High, and will write to Allan Whittaker of Stoke High School, but would greatly appreciate an intro to the LEA with two objects in mind:

- Understanding of issues etc
- Help in networking my way towards the 'right' heads

As we discussed, funding is an acute issue, but I feel that the school voice is important enough in a full group that we should be prepared to offer bursary support.

PRIVATE SECTOR INTROS

I suspect your private sector network may be patchy, but if you are able to help me open any business doors, I would be most grateful. I am still well away from the 100+ approaches I will need to make to get 10-15 business participants on next year's group.

Finally - you might be interested to know following our chance meeting at Ipswich BC, that this week James Hehir cancelled an appt made 3 months previously - he felt that 'with his SCEG hat on, I should be dealing with Deborah Cadman'. I'm not sure how well qualified Deborah is to comment on pressing Ipswich issues..... I find myself wondering if I've done something wrong! I will write to him again.....

Once again, many thanks for your support.

Best Regards

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