



Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Sustainable Economy and Culture)

Date: 17 September 2013

Subject: Scrutiny Inquiry – West Park Centre

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Summary of main issues

1. In January 2013 the Scrutiny Board received a request for scrutiny from the Inner North West Area Committee in relation to the closure of the West Park Centre in November 2012.
2. In response to the request the Board decided it would “examine the temporary closure of the West Park Centre in the autumn of 2012 and the deterioration of the Centre’s condition leading up to that time.” It was also agreed that “this should not take place prior to the decision due to be taken by the Executive Board.”
3. Having considered an initial report in February 2013, the Executive Board made a decision about the future of the West Park Centre at its meeting on 17 July 2013, and therefore the Scrutiny Board’s inquiry has been scheduled to take place at this meeting.
4. The Executive Board decision of 17 July 2013 was Called In and the Scrutiny Board met to consider the decision on 6 August 2013. The decision was released for implementation and, although the decision on the future of the Centre does not form part of this inquiry, relevant evidence from the Call In meeting will be incorporated into the final report of the Board’s inquiry.
5. The following groups have been invited to attend the Scrutiny Board to present evidence and respond to Members’ questions:
 - The Executive Member for Development and the Economy
 - Officers from City Development and Children’s Services

- Representatives from the Inner North West Area Committee
- Representatives from the West Park Campaign Group

6. The following documents are attached to this report as evidence for the inquiry:

- A joint report from the Directors of City Development and Children's Service including six appendices.
- Reports and minutes from the Inner North West Area Committee – November 2012, December 2012 and February 2013

Recommendation

7. The board is requested to consider the issues raised by this inquiry, and to decide whether any further evidence is required before discussing initial conclusions and recommendations to inform the board's final report.

Background documents¹

None used

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.