

Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Children's Services)

Date: 23 July 2015

Subject: Request for Scrutiny – Friends of Gledhow Field

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Hyde Park and Woodhouse	<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
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 A request for scrutiny has been received from Mr Paul Sellars, Chair of the Friends of Gledhow Field. The reasons stated for his request is detailed in appendix A of this report.
- 1.3 Attached as appendix B is a copy of the letter issued to parents and carers by Dr John Willott the Chair of Governors of Gledhow Primary School. Due to the timing of the public request for Scrutiny further information from the Department of Children's Services with regard to the matters raised will be provided as late supplementary information which will be published in advance of the meeting.
- 1.4 Representatives from the Department of Children's Services have been invited to respond to the statements in appendix A.

2.0 Options for the Scrutiny Board

- 2.1 The decision whether or not to further investigate matters raised by a request for scrutiny is the sole responsibility of the Scrutiny Board. As such, any decision in this regard is final and there is no right of appeal.
- 2.2 When considering the information presented, the Scrutiny Board (Children's Services) may wish to determine:

- If sufficient information to the satisfaction of the Board has been provided to enable the Scrutiny Board to reach a conclusion and where necessary make recommendations.
- If further information is required before additional scrutiny is undertaken
- If a similar or related issue is already being examined by Scrutiny or has been considered by Scrutiny recently.
- Whether a full inquiry should be undertaken, if the matter raised is of sufficient significance and has the potential for scrutiny to produce realistic recommendations that could be implemented and lead to tangible improvements.
- Where the Board considers further work should be undertaken, the impact on the Board's current workload and the time available to undertake further scrutiny and
- The level of resources required to carry out further scrutiny.

3.0 Recommendations

3.1 The Scrutiny Board is asked to:

- (i) Consider the request for Scrutiny from Mr Paul Sellars.
- (ii) Consider the letter from the Chair of Governors
- (iii) Consider the departmental response to the issues raised.
- (iv) Determine if the Scrutiny Board (Children's Services) wishes to undertake further scrutiny of this matter.
- (v) Make recommendations as deemed appropriate.

4.0 Background Papers

None¹

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.