

Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Citizens and Communities)

Date: 9 November 2015

Subject: The Development of Community Hubs – Scrutiny Inquiry

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
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Summary of main issues

1. The Citizens and Communities Scrutiny Board agreed to undertake an inquiry this year into the development of Community Hubs. The Board agreed the terms of reference for this inquiry at its September 2015 meeting and these are attached for information (see appendix 1).
2. The purpose of today's meeting is to consider evidence in line with session 1 of this inquiry which addresses the following areas:
 - The level of clarity surrounding the future approach for the community hub network based on the 3 'types' of provision.
 - The current infrastructure of the three pathfinder community hubs and the views of existing 'front of house' staff in relation to this model delivering a more integrated service (identifying any ongoing challenges)
3. The Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens and Communities) has provided a report in preparation for this first session (see appendix 2) and representatives from the directorate will also be attending today's meeting to contribute to the Board's discussion in relation to the above.

Recommendation

4. Members are asked to consider the attached information in line with session 1 of its inquiry into the development of Community Hubs.

Background documents¹

5. 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.