



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (City Development)

Date: 16th October 2007

Subject: Request for Scrutiny Regarding the Introduction of “Home Zones”

Electoral Wards Affected:

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 A request for Scrutiny has been made by the Deputy Chair of the Alliance of Service Users and Carers concerning the City Development Department’s proposals to expand the use of shared space between vehicles and pedestrians. Details of the request is attached.
- 1.2 The Deputy Chair of the Alliance of Service Users and Carers has been invited to attend today’s meeting to detail to the Board the exact nature of the request for Scrutiny.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The Highway Design Guide adopted by Leeds in 1986 advocates the use of shared surfaces on highways and are limited to 25 dwellings in a cul-de-sac, or 50 dwellings on a through route.
- 2.2 This guide is currently being revised by the City Development Department. A new draft “street Design Guide” has been prepared and is out for public consultation during the period 14th September to 26th October 2007. A summary of this document is attached for members information.
- 2.3 This new guide reiterates its advice from the Highways Design Guide in respect to normal residential streets. However, the new guide introduces “Home Zones”. These are shared surfaces with a design speed of 10mph and do not conform to a normal highway layout. The government advice on “Home Zones” is that they can be

implemented in areas that generate up to 100 vehicular movements per hour (about 120 houses or 200 apartments)

3.0 Options for Investigations and Inquiries

3.1 When considering the request for Scrutiny, the Scrutiny Board (Development) shall determine;

- how the proposed inquiry meets criteria approved from time to time by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- whether the Inquiry can be adequately resourced
- whether an Inquiry should be undertaken

4.0 Recommendations

4.1 The Scrutiny Board is requested to;

- (i) Consider the request for Scrutiny from the Alliance of Service Users and Carers.
- (ii) Consider whether further Scrutiny is required on this matter and if so, what form this should take.