
Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to the Citizens and Communities Scrutiny Board

Date: 14th March 2016

Subject: Migration – Scrutiny working group summary note

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
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

Purpose of this report

1. At its meeting on 15th October 2015, the Citizens and Communities Scrutiny Board considered a report from the Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens and Communities) which provided background information on Leeds' position in relation to migration; the positive response from Leeds to the Government call for support for Syrian refugees; and key areas of work and challenges within relevant services.
2. The Scrutiny Board agreed to continue monitoring progress in relation to the Syrian Refugee Relocation Programme and received an update on this at its meeting last month.
3. The Scrutiny Board also expressed an interest in undertaking further Scrutiny of the issues surrounding migration in Leeds and particularly in relation to the growth of EU economic migrants from Southern (Spain, Italy and Portugal) and Eastern Europe (Poland, Lithuania etc). A Scrutiny Board working group meeting was therefore held on 19th January 2016 to explore in more detail what work is taking place and what more might need to be done to alleviate pressures on services, with a particular focus on the following service areas:
 - Housing
 - Public Health
 - Health and Social Care
 - Community Safety
 - Children's Services
 - Employment and Skills

4. A summary note setting out the key issues arising from this working group meeting will be circulated to Members in readiness for today's meeting. This summary note also presents proposed recommendations stemming from the working group's discussions for the Scrutiny Board's consideration and agreement.

Recommendations

5. Members are asked to consider the key issues and proposed recommendations set out within the working group summary note and formally agree the Board's recommendations in relation to this piece of Scrutiny work.

Background documents¹

6. 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.