Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Citizens and Communities)

Date: 16th May 2016

Subject: Scrutiny draft inquiry reports

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	☐ Yes	☒ No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	☐ Yes	☒ No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	☐ Yes	☒ No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	☐ Yes	☒ No

Summary of main issues

1. This year, the Scrutiny Board decided to undertake two inquiries into the development of Community Committees and the development of Community Hubs. The terms of reference of both inquiries were agreed by the Board in September 2015.

2. These inquiries have now concluded and the Board is in a position to report on its findings and recommendations resulting from the evidence gathered. The Board's draft inquiry reports are now attached and Board Members are asked to formally consider and agree these reports.

3. Scrutiny Board Procedure Rule 13.2 states that "where a Scrutiny Board is considering making specific recommendations it shall invite advice from the appropriate Director(s) prior to finalising its recommendations. The Director shall consult with the appropriate Executive Member before providing any such advice. The detail of that advice shall be reported to the Scrutiny Board and considered before the report is finalised".

4. In consideration of the attached draft inquiry reports, there is no further advice that the relevant Director wishes to give before the Board finalises its reports.

5. Once the Board publishes its final reports, the appropriate Director(s) will be asked to formally respond to the Scrutiny Board's recommendations within three months.

Recommendations

6.   Members are asked to consider and agree the attached draft reports following the Board's inquiries into the development of Community Committees and the development of Community Hubs.

Background documents[1]

7.   None used

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[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.