Leeds
CITY COUNCIL

Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Development)

Date: 16th October 2007

Subject A65 QUALITY BUS CORRIDOR – Request for Scrutiny

Electoral Wards Affected:	**Specific Implications For:**
	Equality and Diversity ☐
☐ Ward Members consulted (referred to in report	**Community Cohesion** ☐
	Narrowing the Gap ☐

1.0 Introduction

1.1 The Scrutiny Board on 18th September considered a request for Scrutiny from Councillor J Illingworth concerning the officer delegated decision not to undertake an Environmental Assessment with regard to the A65 Quality Bus Corridor.

1.2 The Board decided that in order to determine whether to undertake further scrutiny of this matter that the Director of City Development submit a report to this meeting setting out the department's response to two particular issues raised by Councillor Illingworth, namely, the cumulative impact of this scheme and the alleged lack of consultation.

2.0 Information

2.1 In accordance with the Scrutiny Board's request a report of the Director of City Development is attached for the consideration of Members.

2.2 A copy of the report and legal advice considered at the last Scrutiny Board meeting is attached for Members information.

2.3 Members of the Board are reminded that Council on 20th June 2007 requested that the Chief Executive bring forward a report to Council as to how Councillors can be better involved with the decision making process and to bring forward a new system of officer delegation to reflect greater democratic involvement. Members of the Board may wish to consider referring Councillor Illingworth's concerns in this regard to this review.

3.0   Recommendations

3.1   The Scrutiny Board is requested to:-

   (i)   consider the attached report of the Director of City Development and ask
            questions of the officers attending the meeting.

   (ii)   determine on the evidence presented, whether further scrutiny is required and, if
            so, what form this should take.