
Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (City Development)

Date: 15th July 2008

Subject: Request for Scrutiny Regarding Delays in Adding Paths to the Council's Definitive Map as Rights of Way

Electoral Wards Affected: All

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

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Community Cohesion

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Narrowing the Gap

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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 A request for Scrutiny has been made by Shadwell Parish Council concerning alleged delays in getting paths added to the Council's definitive map as rights of way. Details of the request are attached.
- 1.2 Members will note that the request originated in January 2008 when the Parish Council wrote to the former Chair of the Scrutiny Board (Culture and Leisure), Councillor T Hanley.
- 1.3 Parish Councillor Geoffrey Wilson and the Clerk to the Parish Council have been invited to attend today's meeting to detail to the Board the exact nature of the request for Scrutiny.

2.0 Options for Investigations and Inquiries

- 3.1 When considering the request for Scrutiny, the Scrutiny Board (City Development) shall determine:
 - what further information the Board needs before considering whether an inquiry should be undertaken
 - how the proposed inquiry meets criteria approved from time to time by the Scrutiny Advisory Group
 - whether the Inquiry can be adequately resourced
 - whether an Inquiry should be undertaken

4.0 Recommendations

4.1 The Scrutiny Board is asked to consider;

- (i) The request for Scrutiny from Shadwell Parish Council.
- (ii) What information the Scrutiny Board requires from the City Development department before it can determine if it wishes to undertake an inquiry on this matter.