



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Environment and Neighbourhoods)

Date: 13th October 2008

Subject: Inquiry into Asylum Seeker Case Resolution – Draft Terms of Reference

Electoral Wards Affected: All

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 At the beginning of the municipal year, the Board agreed to undertake an inquiry into the impact of the UK Border Agency Case Resolution Programme for asylum seekers who had submitted an asylum application prior to April 2007 and whose cases remained unresolved, upon the housing stock in the city.
- 1.2 A working group of the Board met with senior officers to discuss the potential scope for the Board's inquiry. Draft terms of reference have been written and are attached for Members' consideration.

2.0 Views of the director and executive member

- 2.1 The Scrutiny Board Procedure Rules Guidance Notes also require that, before embarking on an inquiry, the Board seeks and considers the views of the relevant director and executive member. These views will need to be taken into account in finalising the terms of reference.

3.0 Recommendation

- 3.1 The Board is requested to agree the terms of reference for its forthcoming Inquiry into Asylum Seeker Case Resolution.

Background Papers

None