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Peter Marrington
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Dear Peter/Kate

Request for Scrutiny – Children’s Services – 13th November 2008

I have received the information under the Freedom of Information Act regarding the decision by the Children’s Services Department to withdraw funding from the MAST Project that has worked very effectively in the Seacroft Manston family of schools area.

By way of background I have sent you, under separate cover, all the information I have received and I am extremely concerned about the way this decision was made.

It would appear to have been made with no consultation with Elected Ward Members; it is not clear when the decision was made and which Executive Member/Members were involved and no cost benefit analysis appears to have been carried out before the decision was made.

Further, as you will see from the report, local headteachers are strongly opposed to this proposed course of action.

I am available to attend on the morning of 13th November to provide further information to the members of the Scrutiny Board.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Brian Selby

cc Kate Arscott