
Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (City Development)

Date: 7th July 2009

Subject: Request for Scrutiny of the Consultation Process Carried Out to help Determine Whether to Go Ahead with a Designated BBQ Area on Woodhouse Moor

Electoral Wards Affected:

Hyde Park & Woodhouse

Headingley

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 The Scrutiny Board on 9th June considered the attached request for scrutiny from Ward Councillors representing Hyde Park and Woodhouse Ward and Headingley Ward. The request concerned the consultation process carried out to help the department determine whether to go ahead with a designated BBQ area on Woodhouse Moor.
- 1.2 Members considered the attached report of the Director of City Development in response to the Ward Members request.
- 1.3 At the previous meeting the Scrutiny Board did not explicitly agree to undertake a detailed inquiry. However, the Board requested additional information on the consultation process and that a representative from DBS (Distribution Business Services) who distributed and delivered the questionnaire attend today's session to respond to Members questions concerning the distribution and delivery of the questionnaire.

2.0 City Development Department & DBS

- 2.1 A further report of the Director of City Development is attached for Members consideration which provides the additional information requested at the last meeting.

2.2 A representative from DBS and Ward Councillors from the two Wards have been invited to attend this meeting.

3.0 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 resource
- whether an Inquiry should be undertaken

4.0 Recommendations

4.1 The Scrutiny Board is asked to:

- (i) Consider the additional information provided by the Director of City Development requested at the last Board meeting and the evidence provided by the representative from DBS.
- (ii) Determine on the evidence presented whether the Board wishes to undertake any further scrutiny of this matter and or make a Statement with regard to this specific consultation process.

Background Papers

None referred to