



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (City Development)

Date: 1st September 2009

**Subject: Request for Scrutiny on the need for a Cost Benefit Analysis of
Any Proposals to Go Ahead with a Designated BBQ Area on Woodhouse
Moor**

**Electoral Wards Affected: All but in
particular**

Hyde Park & Woodhouse

Headingley

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The attached request for scrutiny has been received from North Hyde Park Neighbourhoods Association, South Headingley Community Association, Marlborough Residents Association and Friends of Woodhouse Moor. They have written the request under the heading " Protect Woodhouse Moor."
- 1.2 The reasons stated for their request is the alleged "failure by Parks and Countryside to include in its report of 8 October 2008, cost benefit analysis to enable meaningful comparisons to be made between enforcing the existing byelaws on Woodhouse Moor, and Parks and Countryside's preferred option of designated barbeque areas."
- 1.3 Members will recall that the Board at the last meeting concluded consideration of a request for scrutiny from Ward Members representing Headingley and Hyde Park and Woodhouse Wards on the consultation process carried out to help determine whether to go ahead with a designated BBQ area on Woodhouse Moor. On the evidence presented, the Board rejected the request for further scrutiny, "as the consultation process had been carried out in a proper and thorough manner whilst acknowledging that some properties and individuals had not received the questionnaire for a variety of reasons."

1.4 Representatives referred to in paragraph 1.1 and local Ward Councillors from Headingley and Hyde Park and Woodhouse Wards have been invited to attend today's meeting.

2.0 City Development Department

2.1 The Director of City Development has been invited to respond to this request and will be represented at the meeting. Any information provided in writing by the Directorate will be made available to Members of the Board as soon as it is available.

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 request for Scrutiny from North Hyde Park Neighbourhoods Association, South Headingley Community Association, Marlborough Residents Association and Friends of Woodhouse Moor.
- (ii) Consider the response of the Director of City Development to the issues raised.
- (iii) Determine whether the Board wishes to undertake further scrutiny of this matter on the evidence presented.

Background Papers

None referred to