



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (City Development)

Date: 13th October 2009

Subject: Inquiry to Review the Method by which Planning Applications are Publicised and Community Involvement takes place – 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 The Board at its meeting in June 2009 agreed to carry out an inquiry to review the method by which planning applications are publicised and community involvement takes place.

1.2 A copy of the draft terms of reference is attached.

2.0 Views of the Director and Executive Member

2.1 The Scrutiny Board Procedure Rules 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.

2.2 The Director of City Development and the Executive Member with portfolio responsibility for development and regeneration have been invited to comment on these terms of reference before the meeting today. Any comments received from them will be reported at today's meeting.

3.0 Recommendation

3.1 The Board is requested to agree the terms of reference for the inquiry having regard to any comments that may be received from the Director of City Development and Executive Board Member with portfolio responsibility for development and regeneration.