



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (City Development)

Date: 12th January 2010

Subject: Session 1 Inquiry to Review the Method by which Planning Applications are Publicised and Community Involvement takes place

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 This is the first session of the Board's Inquiry to review the method by which planning applications are publicised and community involvement takes place.

2.0 Terms of Reference

2.1 A copy of the Board's terms of reference for this inquiry which was approved on 13th October 2009 is attached for reference purposes.

3.0 Report of City Development

3.1 The purpose of this session is to hear evidence about:

- the legal requirements under the Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995 (GPDO) describing the statutory requirements for consultation and notification within the overall planning process, with reference to the appeals system where costs can be awarded if inappropriate actions are taken and the Code of Practice for Publicity and Consultation on all Planning Applications based on the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) and other relevant legislation.
- Outline of the planning process and what types of comments can be considered in the decision making process on an application from both consultees and the public who may wish to make representations.
- the current methods for publicising planning applications and the consultation processes used in Leeds, including emerging electronic delivery methods.

- CLG proposed changes in response to the Killian Pretty review.

3.2 A report from the Director of City Development is attached for consideration by the Board.

4.0 Witnesses

4.1 The Board is asked to identify the witnesses and organisations, if any, it wishes to hear from at the next session of this inquiry.

4.2 The Board has received a request from Councillor George Hall representing Barwick-in-Elmet & Scholes Parish Council to be a witness to this inquiry.

5.0 Recommendations

5.1 The Board is requested to:

- (i) Consider the report of the Director of City Development and ask questions of the officers present.
- (ii) Identify the witnesses and organisations the Board would like to hear from at the next Session of this inquiry..
- (iii) Determine what, if any, further information the Board requires.
- (iv) Start to identify specific issues and recommendations the Board wishes to include in its final report.

Background Papers

None used