



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (City Development)

Date: 6th April 2010

Subject: Request for Scrutiny - Loss of Land Allocated for Employment

Electoral Wards Affected: All

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 At the last Scrutiny Board meeting Members considered a request for scrutiny from Councillor B Cleasby concerning the loss of land allocated for employment.
- 1.2 The Board was advised that the Development Plan Panel was undertaking a review of the Local Development Framework and the infrastructure delivery plan which may address many of the issues raised by Councillor Cleasby.
- 1.3 As a consequence and in order to avoid any duplication of effort the request by Councillor Cleasby was deferred and the Chair of the Development Plan Panel was invited to attend today's meeting to discuss the issues which had been raised.

2.0 Information Previously Provided

- 2.1 Attached to this report is the request for scrutiny submitted by Councillor Cleasby together with supplementary papers he provided which were considered at the last Scrutiny Board meeting.

3.0 Invitees

- 3.1 Councillor C Fox, Chair of the Development Plan Panel and an appropriate officer have been invited to attend today's meeting with Councillor B Cleasby.

4.0 Options for Investigations and Inquiries

4.1 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 resourced
- whether an inquiry should be undertaken

5.0 Recommendations

5.1 The Scrutiny Board is asked to;

- (i) Consider the comments of the Chair of the Development Plan Panel and the officer present as to the work being carried out to review the Local Development Framework and to assess whether this review will meet the concerns expressed by Councillor B Cleasby.
- (ii) Reconsider the request for Scrutiny from Councillor B. Cleasby in the light of (i) above.
- (ii) Determine what, if any, information the Scrutiny Board requires from the City Development department before it can determine if it wishes to undertake an inquiry on this matter.

Background Papers

None referred to