



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (City Development)

Date: 6th April 2010

Subject: Inquiry to review the Method by which Planning Applications are Publicised and Consultation Undertaken

<p>Electoral Wards Affected: All</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)	<p>Specific Implications For:</p> <p>Equality and Diversity <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Community Cohesion <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Narrowing the Gap <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Scrutiny Board (City Development) has now completed its inquiry to review the method by which planning applications are publicised and consultation takes place. The Board is now in a position to report on its findings and its conclusions and recommendations resulting from the evidence gathered.
- 1.2 A copy of the draft final report along with a summary of the evidence considered during the inquiry will be circulated shortly for consideration at today's meeting.

2.0 Consultation

- 2.1 Scrutiny Board Procedure Rule 14.2 states that "where a Scrutiny Board is considering making specific recommendations it shall invite advice from the appropriate Director(s) prior to finalising its recommendations. The detail of that advice shall be reported to the Scrutiny Board and considered before the report is finalised. The Director shall consult with the appropriate Executive Member before providing any such advice."
- 2.2 The Director of City Development has been consulted and any comments or advice that is received will be presented to the Board meeting today.

3.0 Recommendations

3.1 The Board is requested to:-

- (i) Agree the Board's final report and recommendations.
- (ii) Request that a formal response to the recommendations is produced in line with normal procedures for scrutiny inquiry reports as set out in Scrutiny Procedure Rule 15.1.

Background Papers

None Used