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**Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development**

**Scrutiny Board (City Development)**

**Date: 7<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

**Subject: Request for Scrutiny of the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment**

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**Electoral Wards Affected: All**

**Specific Implications For:**

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

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**1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 The attached request for scrutiny has been received from Councillor George E Hall who is an elected member for Barwick-in-Elmet & Scholes Parish Council.
- 1.2 The reasons stated for his request is that he believes that the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) element of the Local Development Framework will not be deemed as satisfactory to pass a test for soundness at the forthcoming inquiry in public, by reason that the SHLAA was prepared without having regard to:-
- The methodology contained in the CLG Practice Guidance dated July 2007
  - Guidance contained in Chapter 3 & 4 of Planning Policy Statement 12
  - Planning Policy Statement 1 Paragraph 13 (v1) also Paragraphs 41 & 43
  - Section 8 of the Planning Charter between Leeds City Council and Parish & Town Councils within the administrative area of Leeds City Council ( Operational from 4 January 2010)
  - Revised Unitary Development Plan Policy GP 9 - The Statement of Community Involvement (The 2004 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 has a requirement that Local Development Frameworks contain a SCI which sets out how the community will be involved in the development planning process).
- 1.3 He would like the Board to recommend that the existing SHLAA is reviewed immediately by key stakeholders which would include local community representatives.

1.4 Parish Councillor George E Hall has been invited to attend today's meeting.

## **2.0 City Development Department**

2.1 The Acting 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 Councillor George E Hall.
- (ii) Consider the response of the Director of City Development to the issues raised.
- (iii) Determine what further information, if any, the Board requires in order to determine whether it wishes to undertake further scrutiny of this matter.

Background Papers

**None referred to**