



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (City Development)

Date: 7th September 2010

Subject: Kirkgate Market

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 At the last meeting reference was made to the Board's decision in June 2010 to undertake an inquiry on Kirkgate Market. It was reported that as the Executive Board had asked that officers submit a draft market strategy to its meeting on 13th October there was no time for scrutiny to undertake a detailed inquiry. Instead the Board would be invited to comment on the draft strategy in September prior to this being considered by Executive Board. Members agreed this approach.
- 1.2 Members of the Board also agreed that arrangements be made to visit Kirkgate Market in late August 2010 and be briefed by the Head of City Centre and Markets and meet some of the market traders.

2.0 Current Position

- 2.1 The Head of City Centre and Markets has advised that the development of a draft market strategy will not be completed in time for the Scrutiny Board to comment at today's meeting. As a consequence and in order for this Scrutiny Board to have an input to the draft strategy the Executive Board has agreed to consider this matter at its meeting on 3rd November 2010. This Board will now consider the draft strategy at its meeting on 5th October 2010.
- 2.2 Members of the Board visited Kirkgate Market on 25th August 2010 and received a briefing on the current issues facing the market and met a number of traders in the market hall. A note of the visit is attached for your information as appendix 1 to this report.

3.0 Recommendations

3.1 Members are asked to note the report and details of the informal Scrutiny Board visit of 25th August 2010.

Background Papers

None

**Informal meeting of Scrutiny Board (City Development)
was held at 9.30am on Wednesday 25th August 2010 at
Kirkgate Information Office, 34 George Street, Leeds 2**

Present:

Councillor J Procter, Chair
Councillor S Smith
Councillor R Pryke
Councillor J Elliott
Ms B Woroncow, Co-opted Member

Others Present:

Ms C Follin, Head of City Centre and Markets
Mr C Ashby, Deputy Markets Manager
Mr R Mills, Principal Scrutiny Adviser

1.0 Welcome

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and in particular Ms Barbara Woroncow who was attending her first meeting as co-opted member to the Board.

2.0 Presentation

- 2.1 The Head of City Centre and Markets gave a power point presentation on Kirkgate market which covered a number of topics including:
- Background information
 - Trader issues
 - Rents
 - Vacant units
 - Footfall
 - Investment
 - Enforcement
 - Recent initiatives
- 2.2 A copy of the slides used during the presentation will be made available at the Scrutiny Board meeting on 7th September 2010 for those members who could not attend.

3.0 Tour of Market

- 3.1 Members visited the open and indoor market and met some of the traders who operated in the market hall.
- 3.2 Members heard some of the concerns being expressed by traders which had been identified and referred to earlier during the presentation.

4.0 Ongoing Action Plan / Matters Arising / Suggestions Received from Tenants

- 4.1 Members were provided with an action plan and progress made on issues identified and agreed to be undertaken during the period 1st December 2009 to August 2010.
- 4.2 A copy of the action plan will be made available at the Scrutiny Board meeting on 7th September 2010.