
Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (City Development)

Date: 5th October 2010

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

Electoral Wards Affected: All

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

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Community Cohesion

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Narrowing the Gap

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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Scrutiny Board at its last meeting considered a request for scrutiny from Councillor George E Hall who is an elected member for Barwick-in-Elmet & Scholes Parish Council. The Board also considered the attached report of the Director of City Development in response to his request which contains as an appendix the full text of Councillor Hall's request and Councillor Hall's response to the department's report.
- 1.2 At the September meeting the Board resolved that:
- a) The contents of the report and appendices be noted.
 - b) The request for scrutiny from Councillor G E Hall recommending that the existing Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment process be reviewed immediately by key stakeholders be deferred.
 - c) In the interim period, the Director of City Development be requested to prepare a briefing note on the upcoming Local Development Framework programme, including the Core Strategy, with the approximate timetable and opportunities for local community engagement and to report on the process and timetable for updating the SHLAA. for consideration at the next meeting in October 2010.

d) Councillor G E Hall be invited to attend the meeting in October.

2.0 Report of the Director of City Development

- 2.1 The Director of City Development has consequently submitted the attached report which provides a briefing on community engagement in the upcoming Local Development Framework programme, in particular the Core Strategy, and proposals for updating the SHLAA.

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 Invitation to the Board Meeting

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

5.0 Recommendations

- 5.1 The Scrutiny Board is asked to:
- (i) Consider the briefing paper of the Director of City Development requested by the Board on community engagement in the upcoming Local Development Framework programme, in particular the Core Strategy, and proposals for updating the SHLAA.
 - (ii) Refer to the report of the Director of City Development considered at the last meeting and the request for scrutiny from Councillor G Hall.
 - (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