



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (City Development)

Date: 2nd November 2010

**Subject: Request for Scrutiny of the Leeds Libraries and Information Service,
Proposed Staffing Structure**

Electoral Wards Affected: All

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The attached request for scrutiny has been received from Councillor P Wadsworth concerning the officer delegated decision D37340 which has approved the proposed new staffing structure for the Leeds Libraries and Information Service.
- 1.2 The reasons stated for his request is that this decision whilst saving the Council £36,000 the consequences of the loss of 20 posts, is unclear, especially in light of the impending consultation on the service's new chapter for libraries provision and seeks clarification on the reasons why the decision was exempt from call in.
- 1.3 As Members will see from the attached delegated decision notification the decision has been marked as Executive Decision (Other) and is not subject to call in.
- 1.4 Councillors Wadsworth has been invited to attend today's meeting to put his case for scrutiny of this issue.

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 Wadsworth
 - (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

Delegated decision and report attached