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Dear Richard

I would like to formally request a Scrutiny Inquiry into the decision by the council to restructure the Leeds Libraries and Information Service.

The move, which according to delegated decision D37340, issued on 5th October 2010 could save the council £36,000 but 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 proposals.

For the sake of clarity, I would like Members of the City Development Scrutiny Board to investigate this matter further to ensure that this decision has not been taken to pre-empt the outcome of the New Chapter consultation that is still yet to start.

Furthermore, I would also like clarity on the reasons why this decision was classified as exempt for call in despite the reference in point 6.1 to a year 3 saving of £117,000, effectively elevating this decision from a 'Council Decision' to 'Major Decision' status.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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