

Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Regeneration)

Date: 19th December 2011

Subject: East Leeds Regeneration Board

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Mr Gary Williamson, Chief Executive of the Leeds, York and North Yorkshire Chamber was unable to attend the last Scrutiny Board meeting to respond to further questions following information which had come to light concerning the commissioning of reports for the new East Leeds Regeneration Board.
- 1.2 Also invited to that meeting were Councillor A Carter, the Leader of the Conservative Group and Mr G Mudie MP, Leeds East Constituency. Unfortunately these witnesses were also unavailable to attend the meeting on 29th November 2011.
- 1.3 During the discussion which ensued at the last meeting the Board widened its interest and took the view that the scope and remit of the East Leeds Regeneration Board was too wide. This was because of the number of projects being undertaken which includes Easel, Thorpe Park Business Park, East Leeds Orbital Road, Vickers site etc. Members thought that many of these schemes were large enough in themselves to warrant separate reporting mechanisms rather than all reporting through the East Leeds Regeneration Board. It was therefore the view of the Board

that Mr Martin Dean, Head of Leeds Initiative and International Partnerships should be asked for a report on this issue for consideration by the Scrutiny Board.

2.0 Witnesses Attending

- 2.1 Mr Martin Dean, Head of Leeds Initiative and International Partnerships has been unable in the timescale available to submit a report on this issue but will attend today's meeting to talk about the remit of the East Leeds Regeneration Board and respond to Members questions.
- 2.2 Mr G Williamson, Chief Executive of Leeds, York and North Yorkshire Chamber will also attend today's meeting.
- 2.3 Councillor A Carter, Leader of the Conservative Group and Mr G Mudie PM have also been invited to attend this session.

3.0 Recommendation

- 3.1 Members are asked to hear from and ask question of the witnesses attending the meeting today and determine what, if any, further scrutiny the Board wishes to take on this issue.

Background documents

None referred to