

Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Sustainable Economy and Culture)

Date: 23rd February 2012

Subject: Scrutiny Board Inquiry Session 3 – Inquiry into how developments in Leeds are bringing skills, training and jobs to local people.

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of Main Issues

1. At its meeting on 16th June 2011, the Sustainable Economy and Culture Scrutiny Board discussed the employment and training opportunities the many developments taking place in the City could provide the people of Leeds. As a result of these discussions the Board agreed to undertake an Inquiry into how the City Council, either as a developer, enabler or purchaser could promote, influence and create local employment and promote training opportunities. The Board also wanted to explore how the obstacles to linking local people to development jobs, such as, the cost of training and procurement law and practice could be removed.

Purpose of this report

2. During session 3 of the inquiry The Board is asked to consider the report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods, which provides information on the approach to monitoring the reviewing the delivery of employment and skills obligations. At the last inquiry session in January the Scrutiny Board requested feedback on the consultation undertaken. This will be presented to the Board verbally. External organisations have been invited to attend the board to provide their views on the requirement to deliver employment and skills via Procurement and Planning and answer questions from the Scrutiny Board.

Recommendations

3. Members are asked to:

- Note the information contained within the report and the verbal information presented at the meeting.

Background documents

4. None