



Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Board

Date: 14th January 2013

Subject: Request for Scrutiny

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. A request for Scrutiny has been received from a member of the public, Mr David Rudge. This relates to the use of Section 106 funding being used for the development of new parks within Leeds. Mr Rudge has requested that the Scrutiny Board considers the city's ability to maintain any new parks in addition to those already requiring maintenance.
2. Mr Rudge has been invited to today's meeting to present his request to the Board. Representatives from Parks and Countryside and City Development have also been invited to respond to this request.
3. The decision whether or not to further investigate matters raised by a request for scrutiny is the sole responsibility of the Scrutiny Board. As such, any decision in this regard is final and there is no right of appeal.
4. When considering the request for Scrutiny, the Scrutiny Board may wish to consider:
 - If further information is required before considering whether further scrutiny should be undertaken;
 - If a similar or related issue is already being examined by Scrutiny or has been considered by Scrutiny recently;
 - If the matter raised is of sufficient significance and has the potential for scrutiny to produce realistic recommendations that could be implemented and lead to tangible improvements;
 - The impact on the Board's current workload;

- The time available to undertake further scrutiny;
- The level of resources required to carry out further scrutiny;
- Whether an Inquiry should be undertaken.

Recommendations

5. The Scrutiny Board is asked to:

- (i) Consider the request for Scrutiny from Mr Rudge.
- (ii) Consider the response of the representatives from Parks and Countryside and City Development to the issues raised.
- (iii) Determine if it wishes to undertake further scrutiny of this matter.

Background papers¹

6. None used

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.