
Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Board

Date: 14th January 2013

Subject: Review of the new grounds maintenance contract – formal response to the Scrutiny Board’s recommendations

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. In June 2012, the Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Board acknowledged a request for Scrutiny in relation to the new grounds maintenance contract. In taking forward this request, the Scrutiny Board reviewed the key issues that had arisen during the initial stages of contract delivery, the reasons for these and any actions taken to help address such issues in the future.
2. In November 2012, the Board published a report setting out its findings and recommendations following its review of the new grounds maintenance contract. This report is attached for information.
3. It is the normal practice to request a formal response from the relevant Directorate(s) to the Board’s recommendations once a report has been published. Details of the formal response to the Board’s recommendations are attached for Members’ consideration.

Recommendations

4. Members are asked to consider the formal response to the recommendations arising from the Scrutiny Board’s review of the grounds maintenance contract and decide whether any further scrutiny involvement is required at this stage.

Background papers¹

5. None

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.