

Scrutiny Board (Sustainable Economy and Culture)

20 December 2012

Local Development Framework – Natural Resources and Waste Development Plan Document

Comments to Executive Board

The Scrutiny Board (Sustainable Economy and Culture) considered the Natural Resources and Waste Development Plan Document, as part of the council's budget and policy framework, at its meeting on 20 December 2012.

The Scrutiny Board would ask the Executive Board to take account of the following observations in finalising its recommendation to Council on 9 January 2013.

General

Members of the Board broadly supported the document, noting the findings of the independent inspector.

Involvement of the Scrutiny Board

The Board expressed concern that this document had not come before them until such a late stage in its development and the limited time allowed to study its implications. Members noted the commitment to present future Development Plan Documents (including the Aire Valley Action Plan and the Site Allocations Strategy) to the Scrutiny Board for comment prior to a publication version being presented to Executive Board. Members agreed that this was an appropriate response.

The Board also acknowledged the role of the Development Plan Panel in providing a thorough oversight of the development of the document over a period of years.

Specific issues

The Board noted that the section of the document relating to 'making and protecting space for flooding' would inform the Board's forthcoming inquiry into flood risk management.

The Board also noted the update from the Chair of the Development Plan Panel and City Plans Panel in relation to the consideration of the incinerator planning applications and the opportunity for Members' input.