



Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Sustainable Economy and Culture)

Date: 24 January 2013

Subject: Request for Scrutiny – West Park Centre

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 the North West (Inner) Area Committee. This relates to the West Park Centre. The Committee has requested
that the manner in which the West Park Centre was closed and the decision making process around the future of the centre be referred to Scrutiny for further investigation.
2. A copy of the report to the Area Committee and an extract from the draft minutes are attached at Appendix 1.
3. Councillor Akhtar, a member of this Scrutiny Board, is the Chair of the Area Committee and will outline the request to the Board. Councillor Chapman is also a member of the Area Committee as well as the Scrutiny Board.
4. 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.
5. 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

6. The Scrutiny Board is asked to:

- (i) Consider the request for Scrutiny from the North West (Inner) Area Committee.
- (ii) Determine if it wishes to undertake further scrutiny of this matter.

Background papers¹

7. 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.