

Request for Scrutiny – Proposal to introduce charges for Party in the Park

Dear Cllr Rafique,

I would like to formally submit a request for scrutiny to the Sustainable Economy and Culture Scrutiny Board. My request focuses on a recent delegated decision that introduced charging for Party in the Park in 2013 (which I also attach). This was taken as a Significant Operational Decision (SOD) when in my view it should have been taken as a Key Decision. I base this on the fact that income from the event could exceed £250K, it is a significant policy issue that affects many thousands of Leeds residents and across more than one ward. In terms of the constitution I am referring to the following:

Part 4 (b) Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rules

SCRUTINY OF THE MAKING OF KEY DECISIONS

Decisions Which Appear to Have Been Wrongly Treated⁴¹

Where an executive decision has been made and

- was not treated as a Key Decision, and
- a relevant Scrutiny Board thinks that it should have been treated as a Key Decision

that Scrutiny Board may require, by resolution passed at a meeting of that Scrutiny Board, the Decision Taker to submit a report to the Council within such reasonable time as the Scrutiny Board specifies.

The relevant Director will prepare a report for submission to the next available meeting of the Council⁴² following the end of the period specified by the Scrutiny Board.

The report to Council will set out particulars of;

- The decision,
- The reasons for the decision,
- The individual or body making the decision, and
- if the Leader is of the opinion that it was not a key decision, the reasons for that opinion.

I hope you will give consideration to this issue and let me know if or when this will be considered at your Scrutiny Board.

Kind Regards

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