

## Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

### Report to Scrutiny Board (Children and Families)

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> July 2013

### Subject: Request for Scrutiny – Transport consultation and the proposed changes to the Children’s Services Transport Policy

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Hyde Park and Woodhouse	<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

## 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 A request for scrutiny has been received from Mr Tom Casey concerning transport consultation and the proposed changes to the Children’s Services transport policy.
- 1.2 The reasons stated for his request is detailed in appendix A of this report.
- 1.3 A copy of the Executive Board report which was considered at its meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2013 is attached for reference as appendix B .

## 2.0 City Development Department

- 2.1 The Chief Officer (Strategy, Commissioning and Performance) has been invited to respond to this request and at the meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> of July 2013.

## 3.0 Options for Investigations and Inquiries

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 When considering the request for Scrutiny, the Scrutiny Board (Children and Families) 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 and
- The level of resources required to carry out further scrutiny.
- Whether an Inquiry should be undertaken
- How the proposed request meets the inquiry selection criteria

#### **4.0 Recommendations**

4.1 The Scrutiny Board is asked to:

- (i) Consider the request for Scrutiny from Mr Tom Casey
- (ii) Consider the response of the Chief Officer (Strategy, Commissioning and Performance) to the issues raised.
- (iii) Determine if the Scrutiny Board (Children and Families ) wishes to undertake further scrutiny of this matter.

#### **5.0 Background Papers**

None<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 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.