

Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Regeneration)

Date: 29th November 2011

Subject: East Leeds Regeneration Board

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Board at the last meeting considered a report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods concerning the way in which preparations were made for the proposed East Leeds Regeneration Board, a sub-board of the Leeds Initiative's Housing & Regeneration Board.
- 1.2 A number of witnesses attended that meeting including the Chief Executive of the Leeds, York and North Yorkshire Chamber, Mr G Williamson who spoke on this matter and responded to Members questions. The Board was assured that the Chamber had only been acting as the Secretariat in the distribution of the reports for the East Leeds Regeneration Board meeting on 3rd October 2011 which was subsequently cancelled.
- 1.3 Mr G Williamson left the meeting at 11am as agreed prior to the Board discussing this matter with the Chief Executive of the Council, Tom Riordan, relevant Directors and and the Executive Board Member for Neighbourhoods Housing and Regeneration. At the conclusion of those discussions a question remained unanswered by the witnesses as to the author of those reports which had been circulated for the meeting

on 3rd October 2011.

- 1.4 It was agreed that the Chief Executive of Leeds, York and North Yorkshire Chamber be contacted to identify who had provided the reports to the Chamber for distribution. No formal response to this enquiry has been received to date.

2.0 Witnesses

- 2.1 The Chair of the Board has invited Mr Gary Williamson, Chief Executive of the Leeds, York and North Yorkshire Chamber back to today's Board meeting to respond to further questions following information which has come to light concerning the commissioning of those reports.
- 2.2 In addition relevant Directors from the Leeds, York and North Yorkshire Chamber, Councillor A Carter, the Leader of the Conservative Group and Mr G Mudie MP, Leeds East Constituency have also been invited to attend for this item.

3.0 Recommendation

- 3.1 Members are asked to question witnesses concerning the commissioning of the reports which were circulated by the Chamber for the meeting of the East Leeds Regeneration Board on 3rd October 2011 and determine what, if any, further action the Board wishes to take on this issue.

Background documents

None referred to