

SCRUTINY BOARD (CITY AND REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS)

FRIDAY, 16TH APRIL, 2010

PRESENT: Councillor S Smith in the Chair

Councillors P Davey, C Fox, M Lyons and
R Pryke

69 Chair's Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed everyone to the final meeting of the Scrutiny Board (City & Regional Partnerships) for the 2009/10 Municipal Year and expressed thanks to all Members and officers for their contribution and support to the Board during the past year.

70 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Lyons declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 8, Inquiry on the Integrated Transport Strategies for Leeds and the Wider Region – Draft Final Report & Recommendations, due to his position as a Member of the West Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority. Minute No. 73 refers.

71 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors G Driver and J Dunn.

72 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 4 March 2010 be confirmed as a correct record.

73 Statement - Joint Service Centre Kirkstall

The Head of Scrutiny and Member Development submitted a report which included a copy of the Board's draft statement and recommendations following the investigation into the joint service centres at Harehills, Chapeltown and Kirkstall and the subsequent decision of NHS Leeds not to proceed with the Joint Service Centre in Kirkstall.

Members attention was brought to the draft statement and its conclusions and recommendations. It was felt that the investigation had been successful in highlighting accountability and governance issues. The possibility of publicising the Board's findings was discussed. It was reported that a formal response was due to be submitted to the Executive Board and that a decision regarding publicity could follow that.

The Head of Scrutiny and Member Development reported that the Assistant Chief Executive (Planning, Policy and Improvement), the Director of Resources and the Executive Board Member with portfolio responsibility for Central and Corporate issues had indicated that they did not wish to make comment or give advice on the Board's report and recommendations.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the Board's final Statement and recommendations be agreed.
- (b) That a formal response to the recommendations is produced in line with normal procedures for scrutiny inquiry reports as set out in Scrutiny Procedure Rule 15.1

74 Inquiry on the Integrated Transport Strategies for Leeds and the Wider Region - Draft Final Report & Recommendations

The report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development referred to the Board's Inquiry into the Integrated Transport Strategies for Leeds and the Wider Region.

Members discussed the recommendations and suggested amendments. It was also suggested that Parish Councillor George Hall be thanked for his input into the Inquiry.

The Head of Scrutiny and Member Development reported that the Director of City Development and the Executive Board Member with portfolio responsibility for Development and Regeneration had indicated that they did not wish to make comment or give advice on the Board's report and recommendations.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the Board's final report and recommendations be agreed.
- (b) That it be requested that a formal response to the recommendations is produced in line with normal procedures for scrutiny inquiry reports as set out in Scrutiny Procedure Rule 15.1
- (c) That the Principal Scrutiny Adviser writes to Parish Councillor George Hall to thank him for his contribution to the Inquiry.

75 Annual Report 2009/10

The report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development presented the Board's draft contribution to the Scrutiny Board's Annual Report.

Members discussed the draft contribution and the possibility of future consideration of the People's Vision for Leeds.

RESOLVED – That paragraph 3.2 of the report be noted and the Board's contribution to the Annual Report be approved.

Draft minutes to be approved at the next meeting

76 Forward Plan of Key Decisions and Latest Executive Board Minutes

The report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development provided Members with the Forward Plan of Key Decisions and the most recent Executive Board Minutes.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.