

SCRUTINY BOARD (HOUSING AND REGENERATION)

THURSDAY, 10TH OCTOBER, 2013

PRESENT: Councillor J Procter in the Chair

Councillors B Atha, D Collins, J Cummins,
P Grahame, V Morgan, D Nagle, C Towler
and G Wilkinson

30 Late Items

There were no late items of business to consider.

31 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

32 Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitutes

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor S Lay and Councillor M Iqbal.

33 Gypsies and Travellers Pitch Need Assessment

The Scrutiny Board considered a report of the Director of Environment and Housing on the Gypsies and Travellers Pitch Needs Assessment which was requested at its last meeting on 24 September 2013.

The report considered the validity of the 2008 West Yorkshire Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) in respect of assessing Gypsy and Traveller pitch requirement and looked in detail at the methodology that had been applied in developing an alternative approach; the Gypsies and Travellers Pitch Needs Assessment.

Councillor Peter Gruen, Executive Board Member, Neighbourhoods, Planning and Support Services, Rob McCartney, Head of Housing Support and Nahim Mehmood-Khan, Project Manager were present for this item.

In brief summary, the main areas of discussion were the:

- Legal responsibilities and advice.
- West Yorkshire Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA).
- Gypsies and Travellers Pitch Needs Assessment (GTPNA).

During discussion of this matter it was moved by Councillor Atha, seconded by Councillor Nagle that paragraphs 4.1 to 4.4 of the submitted report be supported by this Board.

Upon being put to the vote this motion was declared lost.

A further motion was moved by Councillor J Procter, seconded by Councillor Wilkinson that the recommendation in the report to note the content of the report be supported by this Board.

Upon being put to the vote this motion was carried and it was,

RESOLVED – That the content of the report be noted.

Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.5 Councillor P Grahame required it to be recorded that she had abstained from voting on the motions put.

(Councillor V Morgan attended the meeting at 9.55am and Councillor J Cummins attended at 10.15am during consideration of this item.)

(Councillor C Towler left the meeting at 10.25am and Councillor P Gruen left at 10.30am during the consideration of this item.)

34 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday, 29 October 2013 at 10.00 a.m. (Pre-meeting for all Board Members at 9.30 a.m.)

(The meeting concluded at 10.55am)