



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: 2nd July 2007

Subject: REVIEW OF CALL IN DECISION – EAST (INNER) AREA COMMITTEE – WELL-BEING
FUND-SUPPORT TO RADIO ASIAN FEVER

Electoral Wards Affected:

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1.1 This paper presents the background papers to a decision which has been Called In in accordance with the Council's Constitution.¹

1.2 Papers are attached as follows:

- Copy of completed Call In request form
- The Area Committee Notice of Decisions Eligible for Call In.
- Previous reports considered by Area Committee on this matter

1.3 The Area Committee meeting report of 11th October shown as Appendix 3 was the first consideration of this issue by the Area Committee. At this meeting it was agreed "*that approval be deferred pending the outcome of requests for funding from other area committees and further consultation with Members*".

1.4 The matter was discussed again at the Area Committee meeting of 6th December 2006. At this meeting Members resolved to withdraw the 'in principle' approval of Gipton and Harehills Capital Funds for Radio Asian Fever.

1.5 At its meeting on 13th June 2007 this matter was considered again by the Area Committee. The Committee resolved the following;

That support for the request for £25,000 funding (from the Gipton and Harehills Ward capital pot) to Radio Asian Fever be given in principle, subject to a report being prepared by the Acting Area Manager outlining the purpose for which the funding is being sought and the outputs against which the use of the funding can be monitored.

¹ Scrutiny Board Procedure Rules Paragraph 21

The Committee noted the apparent urgency in which a decision regarding these funds is required, in order to secure ERDF funding, and agreed that the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods be asked to formally take the decision after consideration of the report referred to above, and following consultation with the Gipton and Harehills Ward Members and the Chair.

- 1.6 At the time of agenda despatch the report requested by Area Committee on 13th June 2007 was not available.
- 1.7 Appropriate witnesses have been invited to attend the meeting in order to explain the decision and respond to questions.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to review this decision and to determine what further action it wishes to take.