



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Culture and Leisure)

Date: 8th October 2007

Subject: Wharfemeadows Fence Inquiry

Electoral Wards Affected:

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 At the July meeting of the Board, Members agreed to undertake an inquiry into the decision to erect a fence at Wharfemeadows Park in Otley and the more general Water Safety Policy of the Council.
- 1.2 A working group was established to draw up terms of reference for the inquiry and to begin to collate evidence. The terms of reference were submitted to the full Board at its September meeting. The working group has met a number of times and discussed various aspects of the inquiry, including undertaking a site visit to Wharfemeadows Park in Otley.

2.0 Report of the Working Group

- 2.1 Attached to this report is a summary of the working group's discussions to date. This is currently a draft summary for the full Board to approve. Members will be aware that further meetings of the working group are likely to be arranged.

3.0 Recommendation

- 3.1 Members are requested to approve the attached summary and make comments and recommendations as appropriate.