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## Scrutiny Board (Neighbourhoods and Housing)

### Inquiry into Regeneration in Holbeck and Beeston Terms of Reference

#### 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 At its June meeting Scrutiny Board (Neighbourhoods and Housing) agreed to undertake an inquiry into the regeneration activities in Holbeck and Beeston.
- 1.2 The aim of the inquiry will be to examine progress on the housing based regeneration of Beeston Hill and Holbeck since the Sheffield Hallam study of 2000 (which focused on Beeston Hill only) and to establish where progress has been made and where difficulties have been encountered, and to make recommendations on how to sustain progress over the longer term. It should be noted that the inquiry will look more widely at the regeneration activities in the area than was originally covered in the Sheffield Hallam study.

#### 2.0 Scope of the Inquiry

- 2.1 The purpose of the Inquiry is to make an assessment of and, where appropriate, make recommendations on the following areas:
  - Strategic direction, past, present and future
  - Investment in Housing, ie facelift and group repair schemes, developments in Hird St and the Beverleys area, SRB Round 4 impact
  - The problem of the scale of back to back housing
  - Partnership infrastructure
  - Funding and resources
  - Complementary improvements to service and environmental factors
  - The role of the private rented and private development sectors

#### 3.0 COMMENTS OF THE RELEVANT DIRECTOR AND EXECUTIVE MEMBER

- 3.1 In line with Scrutiny Board Procedure Rule 12.4 the views of the relevant Director and Executive Member have been sought and have been incorporated where appropriate into these Terms of Reference.

#### 4.0 TIMETABLE FOR THE INQUIRY

- 4.1 The inquiry will take place over three sessions with a view to issuing a final report in December/January 2006.

4.2 The length of the inquiry is subject to change

## **5.0 SUBMISSION OF EVIDENCE**

### **5.1 September**

- Strategic direction, past, present and future
- Investment in Housing, ie facelift and group repair schemes, developments in Hird St and the Beverleys area, SRB Round 4 impact
- The problem of the scale of back to back housing

### **5.2 October**

- Partnership infrastructure
- Funding and resources

### **5.3 November**

- Complementary improvements to service and environmental factors
- The role of the private rented and private development sectors

### **5.4 December**

- Discuss and agree the Board's recommendations

## **6.0 Witnesses**

6.1 The suggested witnesses will be:

- Representatives from Environmental Health, Regeneration and Strategic Landlord
- Representatives of the community and voluntary sector, e.g. re'new leeds
- Private landlords and developers
- Registered Social landlords and Leeds Arms Length Management Companies
- Local residents
- Other Council departments and partner agencies as appropriate