



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: 5th February 2008

Subject: Leeds Half Marathon

Electoral Wards Affected:

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Members will be aware that the decision to withdraw the Leeds Half Marathon was reviewed and on 15th January 2008 an officer delegated decision was made to reinstate the Leeds Half Marathon for September 2008. The decision report is attached as Appendix 1.

2.0 POWERS OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

- 2.1 The Terms of Reference for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee provide for an advisory role. Particularly; *"To identify areas for scrutiny inquiry which appear to the Committee to be necessary to be undertaken and to recommend such inquiries to the relevant Scrutiny Board"*.¹ Overview and Scrutiny Committee members have expressed an interest in understanding the long term future of the race.
- 2.2 Therefore, whilst OSC is *not* carrying out an inquiry itself, it needs to have sufficient information before it, in order to assess whether or not it considers it necessary for an inquiry to be undertaken.
- 2.3 To this end relevant officers and the Executive Member for Leisure have been invited to today's meeting to discuss the matter with Members.
- 2.4 Overview and Scrutiny Committee only needs to have sufficient information in order to enable it to ascertain whether or not it considers it necessary for an inquiry to be undertaken. Its role then is to recommend such inquiries to the relevant Scrutiny

¹ Council Committees' Terms of Reference, Council Constitution page 79, OSC – Advisory functions point 2.

Board (in this case Culture and Leisure) who then has the discretion as to whether or not to carry out such an inquiry.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Members are asked to ascertain whether or not it considers it necessary for an inquiry to be undertaken and if so to recommend that Scrutiny Board (Culture and Leisure) undertake that Inquiry.