



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Culture and Leisure)

Date: 11 February 2008

Subject: Middleton Park Equestrian Centre - Update

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 its meeting in June, the Board agreed to undertake an inquiry into the Middleton Park Equestrian Centre. The terms of reference were agreed at the Board's September meeting.
- 1.2 The Board has received and considered a range of evidence, including a report presented to the Executive Board (March 2007) and a copy of the management agreement currently in operation between the Equestrian Centre and the Council.
- 1.3 The Board last considered this item at its meeting in November 2007, where it resolved:
 - (1) *That the recent dialogue between the Council and the Centre be welcomed.*
 - (2) *That both parties be urged to continue in constructive negotiations in order to resolve the matters at point and provide clarity over the future of the Middleton Park Equestrian Centre.*
 - (3) *That the Board be kept informed of the outcome of the continuing negotiations and a further report be brought to the Board detailing the final position and the associated implications.*

2.0 Report Issues

- 2.1 Officers of the Council will attend the Board to update Members on progress, to outline the current position and detail the next steps.

3.0 Recommendation

- 3.1 The Board is requested to consider the information provided and make comments and recommendations as appropriate.