



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (City Development)

Date: 9th September 2008

Subject: Request for Scrutiny Regarding Delays in Adding Paths to the Council's Definitive Map as Rights of Way

Electoral Wards Affected: All

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Board on the 15th July 2008 considered a request for Scrutiny by Shadwell Parish Council concerning alleged delays in getting paths added to the Council's definitive map as rights of way.
- 1.2 Members deferred the decision on whether further scrutiny would be appropriate in order for the City Development department to respond to the issues raised by Shadwell Parish Council. An extract of the Board's minute on this matter is attached for ease of reference.
- 1.3 Parish Councillor Robert Dyson who attended the last Board meeting and the Clerk to the Parish Council have been invited to attend today's meeting.

2.0 City Development Department

- 2.1 A report of the Director of City Development is attached for Members consideration in response to the issues raised.

3.0 Options for Investigations and Inquiries

- 3.1 When considering the request for Scrutiny, the Scrutiny Board (City Development) shall determine:
- what further information the Board needs before considering whether an inquiry

- should be undertaken
- how the proposed inquiry meets criteria approved from time to time by the Scrutiny Advisory Group
 - whether the Inquiry can be adequately resourced
 - whether an Inquiry should be undertaken

4.0 Recommendations

4.1 The Scrutiny Board is asked to:

- (i) Consider the request for Scrutiny from Shadwell Parish Council.
- (ii) Consider the report of the Director of City Development in response to the issues raised.
- (iii) Determine whether the Board wishes to undertake further scrutiny of this matter on the evidence presented.