



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Central and Corporate Functions)

Date: 5th October 2009

Subject: Request for Scrutiny - Woodhouse Moor – Park Byelaws

Electoral Wards Affected: All but in particular

Hyde Park & Woodhouse

Headingley

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

1.1 The attached request for scrutiny has been received from Mr. Tony Paley-Smith. He has written the request under the heading "Woodhouse Moor – Park Byelaws."

1.2 The reasons stated for his request is

"The desperate state of neglect and mismanagement that the Moor has been suffering from, and particularly over recent years.

It must be glaringly obvious that only the implementation of the Park Byelaws can protect the Moor and has successfully done so for many years"

1.3 The full text of the request for Scrutiny is attached as Appendix 1.

1.4 Members are also provided with a copy of the current Byelaws (Appendix 2) and an earlier response from legal on the issue raised by Mr Paley-Smith (Appendix 3)

1.5 Mr. Tony Paley-Smith has been invited to attend today's meeting to put his request before Board members.

2.0 Options for Investigations and Inquiries

2.1 When considering the request for Scrutiny, the Scrutiny Board 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 resource
- whether an Inquiry should be undertaken

3.0 Recommendations

3.1 The Scrutiny Board is asked to:

- (i) Consider the request for Scrutiny from Mr. Paley-Smith
- (ii) Determine whether the Board wishes to undertake further scrutiny of this matter on the evidence presented.
- (iii) Determine whether the Board requires additional information prior to making a final decision

Background Papers

- 2nd September 2008 – Executive Board Item 13 ‘Revision of byelaws for pleasure grounds, public walks and open spaces’