



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Central and Corporate Functions)

Date: 2nd November 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 At the October meeting of this Scrutiny Board, Members considered a request for Scrutiny from Mr. Tony Paley-Smith. The request was written under the heading "Woodhouse Moor – Park Byelaws."
- 1.2 The full text of the request for Scrutiny is attached as Appendix 1.
- 1.3 Members were also provided with a copy of the current Byelaws (Appendix 2) and an earlier response from legal services on the issue raised by Mr Paley-Smith (Appendix 3)
- 1.4 Following a presentation from Mr. Paley-Smith, (accompanied by Mr. Richard Hellowell and Mr. Bill McKinnon of Friends of Woodhouse Moor), the Scrutiny Board resolved to undertake further Scrutiny in this matter.
- 1.5 In agreeing to undertake further Scrutiny, Board members emphasised that they would *not* be considering the decision of Executive Board to trial a designated barbecue area on the Moor, but would concentrate solely on the byelaws issue.
- 1.6 The Executive Member for Leisure along with the Section Head for Regulatory and Enforcement and the Principal Area Manager (West) for Parks and Countryside have been invited to attend today's meeting to answer Members' questions.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 The Scrutiny Board is asked to:

- (i) Discuss with the Executive Member and attending officers the issues raised by the request for Scrutiny.
- (ii) Determine whether the Board wishes to undertake further scrutiny of this matter.
- (iii) Determine whether the Board wishes to make any recommendations.

Background Papers

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