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## Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

### Scrutiny Board (City and Regional Partnerships)

Date: 9th December 2009

Subject: Joint Service Centre Kirkstall

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#### Electoral Wards Affected: Kirkstall in particular

Ward Members consulted  
(referred to in report)

#### Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

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## 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 At the last Scrutiny Board meeting members considered a report from the Acting Executive Director of Finance, NHS Leeds concerning the future of the proposed Joint Service centre at Kirkstall. The Acting Director of Finance also attended the meeting.
- 1.2 It was suggested to Members that it was highly unlikely that the Primary Care Trust (PCT) would be proceeding further with a proposed joint service centre for Kirkstall. Members were advised that this matter would be determined by the NHS Leeds Board on the 19th November 2009.
- 1.3 The Scrutiny Board resolved that the Board receives further reports regarding the decision of NHS Leeds on this matter, a 'lessons learned' report, including details of the amount of resources expended by the Council on this scheme, and a review of the Strategic Service Delivery Planning process and the role of the Plan Review Board, to include specific reference to this particular project.
- 1.4 The attached media statement was subsequently issued by the NHS Leeds Board on the 19th November. A subsequent exchange of emails followed on the media statement and it was confirmed that NHS Leeds had indeed decided not to proceed with a joint service centre for Kirkstall.
- 1.5 A copy of the report considered by the NHS Leeds Board on 19th November 2009 is also attached.

## **2.0 Information Requested**

### **(a) Lessons Learned**

- 2.1 The Council's Chief Officer, Public Private Partnerships Unit (PPPU) has advised that following the decision of the NHS Leeds a "lessons learned" workshop and subsequent production of a report is being planned for the Joint Service Centres Programme that will involve the PCT, Lift Company, Council Team and other stakeholders. The organisation required to complete this piece of work means that a report will not be available for consideration by this Scrutiny Board until its meeting on 4th February 2010.

### **(b) Costs Incurred by the Council**

- 2.2 The PPPU has advised that charges for Tranche 3 which includes proposals for the Joint Service Centre at Kirkstall between January 2004 and July 2008 amount to £267,533. The Kirkstall portion of this is estimated to be 25-33%. From August 2008 to October 2009 the costs for Kirkstall, under the Tranche 4 project, amount to £47,705. This gives a cost for Kirkstall of between £114,588 and £135,991.
- 2.3 In the period to July 2008 the cost of financial advisors were £46,457 and technical were £24,930. Whilst these are not attributable to the Kirkstall project the Unit considers that the work already completed would be relevant had the project gone ahead.
- 2.4 The figures quoted above are PPPU controlled costs only and do not include any element of Client costs. It does not include any work carried out by Environments & Neighbourhoods or Customer Services departments.

### **(c) Plan Review Board**

- 2.5 The Chair of the Plan Review Board, Mr Andy Taylor has been invited to attend today's meeting to explain the role of his Board in the Council's Strategic Service Delivery Planning process and to respond to members questions.

## **3.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1 The Board is requested to:
- (i) Comment on the decision by NHS Leeds Board not to proceed with a joint service centre for Kirkstall.
  - (ii) Note that a report on "lessons learned" will be considered by this Board at its meeting on 4th February 2010.
  - (iii) Note the costs incurred by the Council's PPPU in supporting this joint project and consider what further information or scrutiny, if any, the Board wishes to undertake.
  - (iv) Comment on and ask questions of the Chair of the Plan Review Board and determine what, if any, further information or scrutiny the Board wishes to undertake.