

**SCRUTINY BOARD (ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOODS) – LAST UPDATED JANUARY 2010**

<b>Meeting date: 8<sup>TH</sup> March 2010</b>			
<b>Performance Management</b>	To consider Quarter 3 information for 2009/10 (Oct – Dec).	All Scrutiny Boards receive performance information on a quarterly basis.	PM
<b>Recommendation Tracking</b>	This item tracks progress with previous Scrutiny recommendations on a quarterly basis.		MSR
<b>Grounds Maintenance Contract for 2011</b>	To consider the formal response to the Board's interim Statement relating to the procurement of the Grounds Maintenance Contract for 2011		MSR
<b>Procurement of Contracts in Housing</b>	To consider and agree the Board's final Statement following its review of the procurement of contacts in housing.		RP
<b>EASEL Inquiry</b>	To consider and agree the Board's draft inquiry report		RP
<b>Addressing Fuel Poverty</b>	To receive a briefing paper setting out the different types of schemes available to address fuel poverty.	This was requested by the Board during the December meeting.	B

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<b>Meeting date: 19<sup>TH</sup> April 2010</b>			
<b>Annual Report</b>	To consider the Board's contribution to the Scrutiny Annual Report.		
<b>Worklessness</b>	To consider and agree the Board's final Statement following its review into Worklessness.		DP
<b>Housing Lettings Review</b>	To consider and agree the Board's final Statement following its review of the housing lettings process.		DP
<b>Inquiry into Recycling</b>	To consider and agree the Board's draft inquiry report.		DP
<b>Integrated offender Management Inquiry</b>	To consider and agree the Board's draft inquiry report.		RP

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<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>NOTES</b>	<b>TYPE OF ITEM</b>
<b>Unscheduled Items</b>			
<b>ALMO Management Review</b>	To review the current ALMO management arrangements.	This was a referral from the Executive Board Member for Neighbourhoods and Housing in June 2009. The Board has requested further clarification on the potential scope of this inquiry.	RFS
<b>Area Management Review</b>	To review the current Area Management functions, with particular focus on the role of Area Committees in Leeds.	This was a referral from the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods and Housing in June 2009. The Board agreed to include this in the work programme with a view to conducting a review later in the municipal year.	RFS
<b>ALMO Inspections</b>	To consider the findings of the ALMO inspections.	The Board raised this matter during its January 2010 meeting. A suggestion was made to establish a working group to look at the general findings arising from the ALMO inspections. It was noted at that stage that the WNWHL inspection had not been completed.	PM
<b>Future options for Council Housing</b>	To monitor developments in relation to future options for Council Housing.	This was a referral from the Central and Corporate Functions Scrutiny Board.	RFS

## Key:

CCFA / RFS – Councillor call for action / request for scrutiny

RP – Review of existing policy

DP – Development of new policy

MSR – Monitoring scrutiny recommendations

B – Briefings (Including potential areas for scrutiny)

SC – Statutory consultation

CI – Call in

PM – Performance management

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<b>Working Groups</b>		
<b>Working group</b>	<b>Membership</b>	<b>Current position</b>
<b>Lettings</b>	Councillor Barry Anderson Councillor Ann Blackburn Councillor Graham Hyde Councillor Mohammed Rafique	<p>The working group met on 26th January 2010 with representatives from the ALMOs/BITMO; Leeds Housing Options; Anti-social Behaviour Unit and Police Community Safety; Leeds Youth Offending Service; Adult Social Care; Children’s Services; NHS Leeds; and Leeds Partnerships NHS Foundation Trust. The main purpose of this meeting was to discuss the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How the new Support Needs Assessment could be used as a tool for identifying the support needs of tenants and assist in making appropriate referrals to specialist support agencies</li> <li>• How this assessment process could assist in the prevention of anti-social behaviour and enable a more co-ordinated approach towards enforcement action where necessary.</li> <li>• Methods for ensuring that the information held on a customer’s Support Needs Assessment is accurate and updated on a regular basis and the resource implications linked to this.</li> </ul> <p>A final working group meeting will be arranged during February.</p>

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<p><b>Worklessness</b></p>	<p>Councillor Barry Anderson                  Councillor Ann Blackburn                  Councillor Graham Hyde                  Councillor Josie Jarosz</p>	<p>During January and early February, the working group conducted a visit to the Tunstall Road Job Shop to meet with individuals in receipt of support from Job Centre Plus. The working group also attended a workshop on Youth Unemployment, which was chaired by Jobcentre Plus and included various other key partners.</p> <p>A final working group meeting will be held during February.</p>
<p><b>Grounds Maintenance Contract 2011</b></p>	<p>Councillor Barry Anderson                  Councillor Ann Blackburn                  Councillor Ann Castle                  Councillor David Hollingsworth</p>	<p>The Board agreed its interim Statement in January and this will be considered by the Executive Board on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2010. A formal response to the Board’s recommendations will be reported back to the Board in March 2010.</p> <p>Future meetings of the working group are yet to be determined.</p>