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**Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development**

**Scrutiny Board (City Development)**

**Date: 8<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

**Subject: Outcome of Consultation on Proposed Withdrawal of Remaining Crèche Provision at Leisure Centres**

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**Electoral Wards Affected: All**

**Specific Implications For:**

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

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**1.0 Introduction**

1.1 The Scrutiny Board in December 2010 considered further a request for scrutiny of the City Development Directorate's proposal to withdraw the remaining crèche provision at leisure centres. The Board at this meeting received a report of the Chief Recreation Officer on progress made to explore alternative options for leisure centre crèches and resolved

- a) That the contents of the report and appendices be noted.
- b) That this Board notes that Councillor A Ogilvie, Executive Member Leisure and the Acting Director of City Development had agreed to keep the crèches open until February 2010.
- c) That in the circumstances now reported, the Board would not undertake an inquiry on this issue.
- d) That the results of the survey be reported to the Scrutiny Board meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2011.
- e) That the Acting Director of City Development be asked not to take any action until the Scrutiny Board had considered the results of the survey and alternative arrangements identified to continue this service.

**2.0 Current Position**

2.1 The Chief Recreation Officer subsequently reported to the Chair of the Board that the consultation period had been extended and that it was now proposed to report the outcome of those consultations to this Board in March 2011.

2.2 The Directorate stated that in the interim the crèches would remain open until the consultation had been completed and the matter brought before this Board.

### **3.0 Outcome of the Consultation**

3.1 In accordance with the Scrutiny Board's request the Acting Director of City Development's has submitted the attached report on the outcome of the consultation and what , if any, options have been identified to retain the remaining leisure centre crèche facilities.

### **4.0 Recommendations**

4.1 The Scrutiny Board is asked:

- (i) To consider the report of the Acting Director of City Development on the outcome of the consultation and options identified to retain the remaining leisure centre crèche facilities.
- (ii) Determine what further information or action the Board wishes to undertake on this matter.

Background Papers

Delegated decision and report attached