



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (City Development)

Date: 8th March 2011

Subject: Request for Scrutiny of the Farming Operations at Home Farm, Temple Newsam as a Consequence of the Farming Operations Consultation Document from Parks and Countryside

Electoral Wards Affected: All

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

1.1 The attached requests for scrutiny have been received from:-

(a) Ms Yvonne Froehlich, Breed Secretary, White Park Cattle Society, Warwickshire

(b) Mr Lawrence Alderson, Founder President, Rare Breeds International, Shrewsbury

1.2 The reasons stated for their request is their concern regarding the proposals in the farming operations consultation document; issued by the City Development Directorate; on the future of Home Farm at Temple Newsam; and its work to promote rare breeds and the farms many conservation activities.

1.3 Representatives from both organisations have been invited to attend today's meeting

2.0 City Development Department

2.1 The Acting Director of City Development has been invited to respond to these requests and will be represented at the meeting. Any information provided in writing by the Directorate will be made available to Members of the Board as soon as it is available.

3.0 Options for Investigations and Inquiries

- 3.1 When considering the request for Scrutiny, the Scrutiny Board (City Development) 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

4.0 Recommendations

- 4.1 The Scrutiny Board is asked to:
- (i) Consider the requests for Scrutiny from the White Park Cattle Society and Rare Breeds International on the future of Home Farm, Temple Newsam
 - (ii) Consider the response of the Acting Director of City Development to the issues raised.
 - (iii) Determine what further information, if any, the Board requires in order to determine whether it wishes to undertake further scrutiny of this matter.

Background Papers

None