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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: Request for Scrutiny of the Decision to Reduce the Opening Hours of Garforth Squash and Leisure Centre**

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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 attached request for scrutiny has been received from Ms Natalie Mitchell regarding the decision to reduce the opening hours of Garforth Squash and Leisure Centre.
- 1.2 Ms Mitchell has also submitted a petition (copy of the front page attached) to prevent the proposed reduction in opening hours at the centre for the benefit of the residents of Garforth. A copy of the full petition will be available at the meeting.
- 1.3 Ms Mitchell has 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 request for Scrutiny from Ms Mitchelle and the petition.
- (ii) Consider the response of the Acting Director of City Development to the issues raised.
- (iii) Determine what, if any, further scrutiny can be undertaken on this matter in the light of the information provided.

Background Papers

None