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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: Petition to "Save" East Leeds Leisure Centre from Closure

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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 A petition has been received from residents in East Leeds concerning the closure of East Leeds Leisure Centre with effect from 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011.
- 1.2 The front page of the petition is attached which sets out their case for keeping this leisure centre open. A copy of the petition will be available at the meeting.
- 1.3 Representatives who organised and signed the petition have been invited to attend today's meeting and speak on this matter.

### 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) Hear from the spokespersons representing the organisers and signatures of 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