

Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Health and Well-Being and Adult Social Care)

Date: 28 October 2011

Subject: Request for Scrutiny: Arrangements for meeting the needs of Blind and Visually Impaired people in Leeds

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Hyde Park and Woodhouse	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 A request for scrutiny has been received from Mr Victor Jackson regarding the current arrangements for meeting the needs of Blind and Visually Impaired people in Leeds. More detailed information is presented at Appendix 1.
- 1.2 Representatives submitting the request for scrutiny have been invited to present the information at the meeting.

2.0 Adult Social Services

- 2.1 At this time, the Director of Adult Social Services has not been invited to respond to this request.

3.0 Options for Investigations and Inquiries

- 3.1 The decision whether or not to further investigate matters raised by a request for scrutiny is the sole responsibility of the Scrutiny Board. As such, any decision in this regard is final and there is no right of appeal.
- 3.2 When considering the Request for Scrutiny, the Scrutiny Board (Health and Well-Being and Adult Social Care) may wish to consider:
 - If further information is required before considering whether further scrutiny should be undertaken

- If a similar or related issue is already being examined by Scrutiny or has been considered by Scrutiny recently.
- If the matter raised is of sufficient significance and has the potential for scrutiny to produce realistic recommendations that could be implemented and lead to tangible improvements.
- The impact on the Board's current workload
- The time available to undertake further scrutiny and level of resources required to carry out further scrutiny.
- Whether an Inquiry should be undertaken and how the proposed request would meet the inquiry selection criteria

3.3 In addition, it should be noted that a Deputation to Council covering the same issues is scheduled to be heard at the Full Council meeting on 16 November 2011. As such, the Scrutiny Board may wish to await the outcome of that Council meeting (and any subsequent referral) before determining whether or not any further scrutiny should be undertaken.

4.0 Recommendations

4.1 The Scrutiny Board is asked to consider the request await the outcome of the Deputation to Council scheduled for the Council meeting on 16 November 2011, and any subsequent referral, before determining whether or not any further scrutiny should be undertaken.

5.0 Background Papers

None