

Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Sustainable Economy and Culture)

Date: 26 January 2012

Subject: Scrutiny Board Inquiry Session 2 – Inquiry into how developments in Leeds are bringing skills, training and jobs to local people.

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Summary of Main Issues

1. At its meeting on 16th June 2011, the Sustainable Economy and Culture Scrutiny Board discussed the employment and training opportunities the many developments taking place in the City could provide the people of Leeds. As a result of these discussions the Board agreed to undertake an Inquiry into how the City Council, either as a developer, enabler or purchaser could promote, influence and create local employment and promote training opportunities. The Board also wanted to explore how the obstacles to linking local people to development jobs, such as, the cost of training and procurement law and practice could be removed.

Purpose of this report

2. During session 2 of the inquiry The Board is asked to consider two reports, the first being how employment and training opportunities can be delivered though the Council's planning function. The second report examines the potential available to Leeds City Council to influence and create employment and skills opportunities through procurement activities.

Recommendations

3. Members are asked to:

- Note the information contained within the two reports and consider the recommendations specified in both.

Background documents

4. None