

Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Housing and Regeneration)

Date: 25th September 2012

Subject: Bringing Forward Brownfield Sites - Information Requested

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
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

Introduction

1. At the last Scrutiny Board meeting Members considered the attached report of the Director of City Development which presents an overview of the issues relating to bringing forward brownfield development land in Leeds for residential use (see Appendix 1).
2. The Scrutiny Board at that meeting asked the Acting Chief Management Officer and Chief Planning Officer to provide for today's meeting a list of all Council owned brownfield sites and buildings in the city showing how long they have been declared surplus to requirements, what marketing has been undertaken and what incentives have been offered to encourage redevelopment of those brownfield sites.
3. Members also asked for a list of non Council owned land that are brownfield sites that have been declared not viable and the reasons why they are not viable and what has been offered to move those sites forward for redevelopment.

Information Requested

4. A report of the Director of City Development is attached which provides the information requested in paragraph 2 above. It also covers the general approach the Directorate uses to the disposal of property which was also requested by the Scrutiny Board.
5. The Scrutiny Board is advised that further work needs to be undertaken with regard non Council owned or third party sites referred to in paragraph 3 above. This involves the collation of a great deal of information from the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA), planning allocations and planning permissions. It has not been

possible to complete this work for today's meeting and a further report dealing with third party sites will be submitted to the Scrutiny Board meeting on 30th October 2012.

Recommendation

5. Members are asked to
 - (a) Consider the information provided in the report of the Director of City Development on Council owned Brownfield sites and comment and ask questions as appropriate.
 - (b) Note that a further report on non Council owned or third party sites will be submitted to the Scrutiny Board meeting in October 2012.
 - (c) Determine what, if any, further information or action the Board wishes to undertake in this regard.

Background documents¹

6. The report of the Director of City Development which presents an overview of the issues relating to bringing forward brownfield development land in Leeds.

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available for inspection on request for a period of four years following the date of the relevant meeting. Accordingly this list does not include documents containing exempt or confidential information, or any published works. Requests to inspect any background documents should be submitted to the report author.