

Report of the Democratic Services Manager

Tanghall Area Asset Management Plan Ad-hoc Scrutiny Committee – Final Report

Summary

1. This report presents the final report of the Tanghall Area Asset Management Plan Ad-hoc Scrutiny Review and asks Members to approve the recommendations previously agreed by Scrutiny Management Committee.

Background

2. At a meeting in October 2006 Scrutiny Management Committee (SMC) agreed to proceed with a review of topic No.091 and an Ad-hoc Scrutiny Committee was established and the following remit agreed:
 - To decide the boundary of the area to which this review refers and carry out an audit of council owned property within that boundary
 - To carry out a local scrutiny review aimed at making better use of council owned land and buildings in the area in both community and resource terms.
 - To evaluate the options for resolving these issues
 - To make recommendations that will inform the pilot Area Asset Management Plan being prepared for this area.
3. In July 2007, SMC considered the final report arising from this scrutiny review and approved the recommendations. They also agreed that it would be beneficial to delay the presentation of this final report to the Executive in order that it could be considered at the same time as the report on the Tanghall Asset Management Plan (as presented elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting).

Consultation

4. Members held consultations with residents at the Heworth and Hull Road Ward Committees in January and February 2007 (the Tang Hall area covers parts of both these Wards). A summary of their comments was then discussed with

pupils at Tang Hall Primary School during a Citizenship lesson. Finally the Committee consulted with officers from Property Services on the findings from the community meetings completed as part of this review.

Options

5. Having considered the findings contained within this report and associated annexes, Members may choose to support all, some or none of the recommendations proposed as a result of this review.

Analysis

6. In regard to the aims and objectives of the review, the final report and annexes attached, detail all of the information gathered and the arising issues.

Summary of Recommendations Arising From the Review

7. The recommendations arising from the review which were subsequently approved by SMC were:
 - i) That officers should adopt an appropriate range of the relevant research and consultation methodologies proposed in the model in paragraph 15 of the final report when developing future Area Asset Management Plans. Area based consultation at appropriate location(s) within the community, involving residents and key stakeholders, and Ward Committee consultation should be included as standard in all instances. The cost effectiveness of the consultation method and the particular circumstances of the area being considered should be taken into account when making the decision in each case.
 - ii) The Executive be asked to ensure the specific areas of need identified through this scrutiny review in paragraph 21 of the report are considered, as part of any future Area Asset Management Plan for Tang Hall.
 - iii) As standard practice, Ward Members should be included in the formulation of consultation plans from the start of the process for any future Area Asset Management Plans.

Corporate Direction & Priorities

8. This review is relevant to the following direction statement:

‘We will listen to communities and ensure that people have a greater say in deciding local priorities’
9. It is also relevant to the following priority for improvement:

‘Improve the actual and perceived condition and appearance of the city’s streets, housing estates and publicly accessible spaces.’

Implications

10. Members recognised that there is likely to be financial and property implications associated with Recommendation (ii) arising from the review (as shown in paragraph 7), should the issues identified as part of this review, be addressed in any future Area Asset Management Plan for the Tanghall area.
11. There are no known Legal, HR, Equalities, Crime and Disorder, ITT or Other implications associated with the recommendations arising from this review.

Risk Management

12. The risk associated with not implementing recommendations (ii) & (iii) is that ward Members and local residents would not be consulted on the decisions taken which affect their local community. This is contrary to the Council's direction statement of 'listening to communities and ensuring that people have a greater say in deciding local priorities'.

Recommendations

13. Members are asked to:
 - Note the contents of the attached final report and annexes
 - Approve the recommendations arising from the review as detailed in paragraphs 7 above
 - Take the findings and recommendations from this review into account, when considering the proposed Tang Hall Area Asset Management Plan that is presented elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting

Reason: To enable the Executive to introduce appropriate changes to working practices and/or Council policy and procedures.

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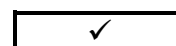
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Wards Affected: List wards or tick box to indicate all

All



For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers: None

Annexes:

Annex A – Final Report

Annex Aa - Summary of comments from consultation meetings

Annex Ab - Comments of pupils from Tang Hall Primary School

Annex Ac - Research options and costs

Annex Ad - Suggested structure of Area Asset Management Plan