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## **Scrutiny Management Committee**

**23 October 2006**

### **Report of the Head of Civic, Democratic and Legal Services**

## **Remit for Scrutiny Review of use of Council owned land in Tang Hall area**

### **Summary**

1. This report asks Members to agree the remit for a new Scrutiny review of Council owned land in the Tang Hall area of York, as previously allocated at the last meeting of this Committee. It also clarifies the position relating to the proposed membership of the new Ad-Hoc Sub-Committee agreed to take on this review.

### **Background**

2. At the meeting of 25 September 2006 members agreed to form an Ad Hoc Scrutiny Sub-Committee with the purpose of reviewing the use of Council owned land in the Tang Hall area of York. The topic was originally submitted by Cllrs Looker, Kind and Potter. This report asks members to agree the remit for the new Sub-Committee. A draft remit is attached at Annex A.

### **Consultation**

3. Scrutiny officers have consulted with Cllr Looker, Potter and Kind in order to produce the draft remit and the draft attached fully reflects the comments made.

### **Options**

4. Having regard to the draft remit Members may decide to:
  - a. Agree the remit as presented
  - b. Make amendments to the remit.

## **Analysis**

5. It is expected that this review will be completed within approximately 3 to 4 months and the outcome will be recommendations to assist the process of producing an Area Asset Management Plan for Tang Hall.

## **Membership of Ad-Hoc Sub-Committee**

6. At the last meeting of this Committee, Members started to consider the proposed membership of the new Ad-Hoc Sub-Committee. To ensure membership properly reflects proportionality requirements, the basis membership of the Sub-Committee will need to be one of the following, dependent upon its required size;

3 (Liberal Democrat) : 2 (Labour)

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An update on those Members expressing interest in being on the Sub-Committee will be given at the meeting.

## **Corporate Priorities**

7. Having a full and effective scrutiny programme can only help contribute to the Council's overall aims to improve its organisational effectiveness
8. Specifically, this review, by the way it will be conducted, helps to 'focus on the needs of customers and residents in designing and providing services and could help to 'improve the actual and perceived condition and appearance of the city's publicly accessible spaces'.

## **Implications**

9. Any implications relating to any of the following corporate factors will be addressed throughout the review and as a result of the scoping report to be submitted to the first meeting of the Ad-Hoc Sub-Committee:

- Finance
- Human Resources
- Equalities
- Legal
- Crime & Disorder
- IT&T
- Property

## Risk Management

10. Any associated risks will be identified through the review process and as a result of the scoping exercise referred to above.

## Recommendations

11. Members are asked to approve the draft remit at Annex A as a basis for scoping this review and to determine final membership of the Ad-Hoc Sub-Committee

**Reason:** In order to progress the authorised work of the Scrutiny sub-Committee

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### Annexes

Annex a – draft remit for Scrutiny topic

### Background Papers

None