

Scrutiny Management Committee

17 September 2007

Report of the Head of Civic Democratic & Legal Services

Proposed Scrutiny Review of Sale of the Barbican and Swimming Facilities in York

Summary

1. In June 2007 Cllr Joe Watt registered a proposed new scrutiny topic regarding the sale of the Barbican and the subsequent development of swimming facilities in York. A copy of the topic registration form is enclosed at Annex A.
2. At the meeting of 23 July members considered a feasibility report on this topic (see annex B).

Background

3. At the meeting of 23 July members agreed that the topic as proposed by Cllr Watt was too wide reaching, and that scrutinising the history of decisions about the Barbican would duplicate work already in the public domain.
4. Members also agreed that the request to review current and future provision would overlap directly with the work on the Leisure Facilities Strategy Review which is due to be considered by the Executive in the near future.
5. Members did consider that there could be some merit in carrying out a review with the aim of achieving improvements in handling future developments of a similar scale and nature.
6. Cllr Watt has been invited to this meeting to discuss the possibility of an amendment to his registered topic.

Consultation

7. Relevant consultation was carried out before the feasibility study was submitted in July.

Options

8. Members may decide to form an ad hoc sub-committee to examine a revised Scrutiny proposal or they may decide to take no action at the present time.

Analysis

9. The purpose of asking Cllr Watt to attend this meeting is for him to decide if he wishes to amend his Scrutiny proposal along the lines discussed above and for members then to decide if they wish to form an ad hoc sub-committee to examine this.

Corporate Priorities

10. Making informed and appropriate decisions about topics for Scrutiny will contribute to improving our organisational effectiveness.

Implications

11. There are no known Financial, Human Resources, Equalities, Legal, Crime & Disorder, ITT, Property or Other implications connected to this report.

Risk Management

12. In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy, there are no known risks associated with this report.

Recommendations

13. Members are asked to:

- i) Consider any revised proposal for scrutiny that arises from the discussion with Cllr Joe Watt.
- ii) Decide if they wish to form an ad hoc sub-committee to scrutinise the revised topic.

Reason: To carry out their responsibilities to coordinate the scrutiny function in York.

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Specialist Implications Officers: None

Wards Affected:

All



For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers: None

Annexes

Annex A – Scrutiny topic registration form

Annex B – Report considered at Scrutiny Management committee of 23 July 2007