

# SCRUTINY REPORTS FOR CITY EXECUTIVE BOARD - WEDNESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2014

**Agenda No**   **Item**

6.   **Westgate Community Infrastructure Levy**
7.   **Statement of Community Involvement 2014 Review**



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**To: City Executive Board**

**Date: 19 November 2014**

**Report of: Scrutiny Committee**

**Title of Report: Westgate Community Infrastructure Levy**

### **Summary and Recommendations**

**Purpose of report:** To present comments from the Scrutiny Committee on the Westgate Community Infrastructure Levy.

**Key decision?** Yes

**Scrutiny Lead Member:** Councillor Hayes

**Executive lead member:** Councillor Price

**Policy Framework:** None

### **Introduction**

1. The Scrutiny Committee considered the Westgate Community Infrastructure Levy at its public meeting in November. The Committee would like to thank Michael Crofton-Briggs for attending the meeting and supporting this discussion.

### **Summary**

2. The Committee asked what the controls the City Council has to ensure that works are completed to a satisfactory standard, how the needs were prioritised and what consideration had been given to access for the disabled and cyclists. Members were satisfied with the responses provided.
3. The Committee heard that the use of CIL money is a decision for full Council and that Members are welcome to suggest changes.

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#### **Recommendation**

**That the Statement of Community engagement clearly sets out how members of the public can access paper versions of planning documents**

### **Introduction**

1. The Scrutiny Committee considered the Statement of Community Involvement 2014 Review at its public meeting in November. The Committee would like to thank Michael Crofton-Briggs and Lyndsey Beveridge for attending the meeting and supporting this discussion.

### **Summary of discussion**

2. The Committee asked whether site notices were more effective than notification letters, which the City Council no longer sends out. Members heard that letters received an average response rate of 2%. However, the level of public engagement is now rising due to site notices and better online accessibility.
3. The Committee asked whether members of the public are able to view paper copies of planning applications. Members heard that planning applications are not routinely printed and placed in public areas, however, paper copies are made available upon request. Members

asked that this be explicitly stated in the Statement of Community Involvement.

4. The Scrutiny Committee approved the Statement of Community Engagement subject to the following recommendation

**Recommendation**

**That the Statement of Community engagement clearly sets out how members of the public can access paper versions of planning documents**

**Board Member Comment**

Very happy to accept that change to the report.

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