

## SCRUTINY BOARD (CHILDREN'S SERVICES)

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Meeting to be held in Civic Hall, Leeds on  
Thursday, 11th January, 2007 at 9.30 am

*(A pre-meeting will take place for ALL members of the Board at 9.00 a.m.)*

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### MEMBERSHIP

#### **Councillors**

- J Bale (Chair) - Guiseley and Rawdon
- J Chapman - Weetwood
- B Cleasby - Horsforth
- R D Feldman - Alwoodley
- A Harrison - Garforth and Swillington
- V Kendall - Roundhay
- L Mulherin - Ardsley and Robin Hood
- T Murray - Garforth and Swillington
- K Renshaw - Ardsley and Robin Hood
- B Selby - Killingbeck and Seacroft

#### Co-opted Members (Voting)

- Mr E A Britten - Church Representative (Catholic)
- Prof P H J H Gosden - Church Representative (Church of England)
- Mr R Greaves - Parent Governor Representative (Secondary)
- Mr C Macpherson - Parent Governor Representative (Special)
- Mrs S Knights - Parent Governor Representative (Primary)

#### Co-opted Members (Non-Voting)

- Mr T Hales - Teacher Representative
- Ms C Foote - Teacher Representative
- Mrs S Hutchinson - Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership Representative
- Mr P Gathercole - NCH Representative
- Ms T Kayani - Youth Work Partnership Representative

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1			<p><b>APPEALS AGAINST REFUSAL OF INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS</b></p> <p>To consider any appeals in accordance with Procedure Rule 25 of the Access to Information Rules (in the event of an Appeal the press and public will be excluded)</p>	
2			<p><b>EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC</b></p> <p>To identify items where resolutions may be moved to exclude the public</p>	
3			<p><b>LATE ITEMS</b></p> <p>To identify items which have been admitted to the agenda by the Chair for consideration</p> <p>(The special circumstances shall be specified in the minutes)</p>	
4			<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b></p> <p>To declare any personal/prejudicial interests for the purpose of Section 81(3) of the Local Government Act 2000 and paragraphs 8 to 13 of the Members' Code of Conduct</p>	
5			<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b></p> <p>To receive any apologies for absence from the meeting</p>	
6			<p><b>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</b></p> <p>To receive and approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2006</p>	1 - 8

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7			<p><b>MINUTES OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>To note the minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2006</p>	9 - 14
8			<p><b>MEMBERS' QUESTIONS</b></p> <p>To consider a report from the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development which gives Members the opportunity to ask questions of the Director(s) who chair the Corporate Priority Board which matches the Scrutiny Board's portfolio, or the Director's nominee</p>	15 - 16
9			<p><b>IMPLEMENTING THE CHILDREN ACT - UPDATE</b></p> <p>To receive a report from the Director of Children's Services which provides Members with a further update on the implementation of the Children Act 2004 and which summarises the recent developments within Children's Services</p>	17 - 40
10			<p><b>LIBRARY CHARGES</b></p> <p>To receive a report which updates Members on the impact of the implementation of library charges for the late or non return of items borrowed by young people</p> <p>(Report to follow)</p>	
11			<p><b>RECRUITMENT, RETENTION AND WORKLOAD OF CHILDREN'S SOCIAL WORKERS</b></p> <p>To consider a report from the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development which informs Members of the progress made on the formal response to the recommendations agreed by the Scrutiny Board (Children and Young People) following its inquiry into the recruitment, retention and workload of children's social workers</p>	41 - 58

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12			<p><b>THE IMPLICATIONS OF TRUST SCHOOLS FOR THE LOCAL AUTHORITY - DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE</b></p> <p>To consider a report from the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development which sets out and invites the Board to approve draft terms of reference for the Scrutiny Board inquiry into the implications of Trust Schools for the Local Authority</p>	59 - 64
13			<p><b>WORK PROGRAMME</b></p> <p>To receive a report from the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development which details the Scrutiny Board's current Work Programme</p>	65 - 84
14			<p><b>DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2007 at 9.30 a.m. in the Civic Hall, Leeds</p> <p>(Please note that a pre-meeting is scheduled for all members of the Board at 9.00 a.m.)</p>	