

SCRUTINY BOARD (CHILDREN AND FAMILIES)

Meeting to be held in Civic Hall, Leeds, LS1 1UR on
Thursday, 26th July, 2012 at 9.45 am

(A pre-meeting will take place for ALL Members of the Board at 9.15 a.m.)

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors

- J Chapman (Chair) - Weetwood;
- B Gettings - Morley North;
- C Gruen - Bramley and Stanningley;
- A Hussain - Gipton and Harehills;
- A Khan - Burmantofts and Richmond Hill;
- A Lamb - Wetherby;
- P Latty - Guiseley and Rawdon;
- M Rafique - Chapel Allerton;
- K Renshaw - Ardsley and Robin Hood;
- A Sobel - Moortown;
- B Urry - Roundhay;

Co-opted Members (Voting)

- Mr E A Britten - Church Representative (Catholic)
- Vacancy - Church Representative (Church of England)
- Ms A Craven - Parent Governor Representative (Primary)
- Ms J Ward - Parent Governor Representative (Secondary)
- Ms N Cox - Parent Governor Representative (Special)

Co-opted Members (Non-Voting)

- Ms C Foote - Teacher Representative
- Ms C Raftery - Teacher Representative
- Mrs S Hutchinson - Early Years Representative
- Ms T Kayani - Leeds Youth Work Partnership Representative
- Ms J Morris-Boam - Young Lives Leeds

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A G E N D A

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1			<p>APPEALS AGAINST REFUSAL OF INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS</p> <p>To consider any appeals in accordance with Procedure Rule 25* of the Access to Information Procedure Rules (in the event of an Appeal the press and public will be excluded).</p> <p>(* In accordance with Procedure Rule 25, notice of an appeal must be received in writing by the Head of Governance Services at least 24 hours before the meeting).</p>	
2			<p>EXEMPT INFORMATION - POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC</p> <p>1 To highlight reports or appendices which officers have identified as containing exempt information, and where officers consider that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons outlined in the report.</p> <p>2 To consider whether or not to accept the officers recommendation in respect of the above information.</p> <p>3 If so, to formally pass the following resolution:-</p> <p>RESOLVED – That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following parts of the agenda designated as containing exempt information on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information, as follows:-</p> <p>No exempt items or information have been identified on this agenda.</p>	

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LATE ITEMS

To identify items which have been admitted to the agenda by the Chair for consideration.

(The special circumstances shall be specified in the minutes.)

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DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

To disclose or draw attention to any disclosable pecuniary interests for the purposes of Section 31 of the Localism Act 2011 and paragraphs 13-18 of the Members' Code of Conduct. Also to declare any other significant interests which the Member wishes to declare in the public interest, in accordance with paragraphs 19-20 of the Members' Code of Conduct.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTES

To receive any apologies for absence and notification of substitutes.

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MINUTES - 20TH JUNE 2012

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To confirm as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 20th June 2012.

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CHILDREN'S SERVICES BUDGET UPDATE - 2012-13 (FIRST QUARTER REPORT)

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To receive and consider a report from the Director of Children's Services providing an update on the Children's Services revenue budget for the 2012-13 financial year.

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CHILDREN'S HOMES REVIEW

17 - 26

To receive and consider a report from the Director of Children's Services providing an update on progress with the review of Leeds City Council children's homes.

9		<p>RECOMMENDATION TRACKING - EXTERNAL PLACEMENTS INQUIRY</p> <p>To receive and consider a report from the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development setting out the progress made in responding to the recommendations arising from the External Placements inquiry.</p>	27 - 56
10		<p>DIRECTORS RESPONSE - SCRUTINY INQUIRY INTO IMPROVING ATTENDANCE</p> <p>To receive and consider a response from the Director of Children’s Services to the recommendations arising from the inquiry into Improving Attendance.</p>	57 - 66
11		<p>DIRECTORS RESPONSE - SCRUTINY INQUIRY INTO COMBATING CHILD POVERTY AND RAISING ASPIRATIONS</p> <p>To receive and consider a response from the Director of Children’s Services to the recommendations arising from the inquiry into Combating Child Poverty and Raising Aspirations.</p>	67 - 72
12		<p>DIRECTORS RESPONSE - SCRUTINY INQUIRY INTO SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES, SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND ADDITIONAL HEALTH NEEDS</p> <p>To receive and consider a response from the Director of Children’s Services to the recommendations arising from the inquiry into Services for Children with Disabilities, Special Educational Needs and Additional Health Needs.</p>	73 - 86
13		<p>FOR INFORMATION - THE SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY AND CULTURE INQUIRY REPORT INTO THE ENGAGEMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN CULTURE, SPORTING AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND THE DIRECTORS RESPONSE</p> <p>These reports are provided to inform the Children’s Services Scrutiny Board about the recommendations made by the Sustainable Economy and Culture Board in April 2012 and the subsequent Directors response.</p>	87 - 112

14		<p>TERMS OF REFERENCE - INQUIRY INTO PRIVATE CARE HOMES</p> <p>To receive and consider a report from the Head of Scrutiny and Members Development which defines the terms of reference for a scrutiny inquiry into Private Care Homes.</p>	113 - 118
15		<p>TERMS OF REFERENCE - INQUIRY INTO PRIVATE FOSTERING</p> <p>To receive and consider a report from the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development which defines the terms of reference for a scrutiny inquiry into Private Fostering.</p>	119 - 124
16		<p>WORK SCHEDULE</p> <p>To receive and consider a report from the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development outlining the Scrutiny Board's work programme for the remainder of the current municipal year.</p>	125 - 170
17		<p>DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Thursday, 27th September 2012 at 9.45am in the Civic Hall, Leeds.</p> <p>(Pre meeting for Board Members at 9.15am)</p>	