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**Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development**

**Scrutiny Board (Children's Services)**

**Date: 5 July 2007**

**Subject: The Implications of Trust Schools for the Local Authority - Formal Response**

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**Electoral Wards Affected:**

**Specific Implications For:**

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

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**1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 During 2006/07, the Scrutiny Board (Children's Services) carried out an inquiry into the implications of Trust Schools for the Local Authority. The board issued a final report setting out its conclusions and recommendations in May 2007.
- 1.2 It is the normal practice to request a formal response from departments to the board's recommendations, once a final report has been issued.
- 1.3 A formal response to the final report has now been received. This is attached as appendix 1.
- 1.4 Members are asked to consider the responses provided, and to decide whether any further scrutiny involvement is required, bearing in mind the guidance provided earlier on this agenda.

**2.0 Recommendation**

- 2.1 Members are asked to consider the responses provided and to decide whether further scrutiny involvement is required.