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## Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

### Scrutiny Board (Children's Services)

Date: 5 July 2007

### Subject: Departmental Communications - 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) set up a working group to look at departmental communications. Arising from the working group's activity, the board issued a statement containing a number of conclusions and recommendations in April 2007.
- 1.2 It is the normal practice to request a formal response from departments to the board's recommendations, once a final report or (as in this case) a statement has been issued.
- 1.3 A formal response 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.