

## Report of the Chief Executive of Education Leeds

### Report to Executive Board

## Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2007

# Subject: Deputation to Council 20<sup>th</sup> June 2007 – Fountain Primary School

Electoral Wards Affected:	Specific Implications For:
Morley South	Equality and Diversity
	Community Cohesion
Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)	Narrowing the Gap
Eligible for Call In $$	Not Eligible for Call In (Details contained in the report)

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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### 2. Recommendations

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#### 2 Background

- 2.1 Fountain Primary was opened in September 2005 as a new school formed by the merger of former Cross Hall Junior School, Cross Hall Infant School and Elmfield Infant School.
- 2.2 During the Autumn term of the school's second year all staff were informed that due to falling roles, which determine funding, and a massive overspend, staffing reductions were necessary.
- 2.3 The City Council has acknowledged that it would be helpful to set up an independent inquiry to examine the circumstances around the resourcing issues regarding Fountain Primary School.

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