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## Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

### Scrutiny Board (Children's Services)

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> June 2007

### Subject: Recent Changes to the Co-opted Membership of the Scrutiny Board

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#### Electoral Wards Affected:

Ward Members consulted  
(referred to in report)

#### Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

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## 1.0 Purpose of the report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Members with information on the recent changes to the co-opted membership of the Scrutiny Board (Children's Services).

## 2.0 Background

- 2.1 At the June 2007 meeting of the Board, and in accordance with Article 6 of the Council's Constitution, the Board re-appointed Mr E A Britten (Roman Catholic diocesan representative) and Professor P H J H Gosden (Church of England diocesan representative) as voting co-opted Members of the Board for the 2007/08 municipal year. Members also noted the continued appointment of Mr R Greaves (Parent Governor Representative – Secondary), Mr C Macpherson (Parent Governor Representative - Special) and Mrs S Knights (Parent Governor Representative – Primary) as voting co-opted Members of the Board.
- 2.2 Having noted at the June meeting that Article 6 of the Constitution allows each Scrutiny Board to also appoint up to five non-voting co-optees for the duration of the municipal year, <sup>1</sup>in addition to a further two non-voting co-opted Members to assist with a particular scrutiny Inquiry, the following non-voting co-opted Members were appointed to the Board for the remainder of the 2007/08 municipal year:
- Two teacher representatives –Ms C Foote and Mr T Hales

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<sup>1</sup> Co-option would normally only be appropriate where the co-opted Member has some specialist skill or knowledge which would be of assistance to the Board.

- Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership Representative – Mrs S Hutchinson
- Leeds VOICE Children and Young People Services Forum Representative – Mr P Gathercole
- Leeds Youth Work Partnership Representative – Ms T Kayani

### **3.0 Main Issues**

- 3.1 Since the July 2007 Scrutiny Board meeting, resignations have been received from Mr C Macpherson, a Parent Governor Representative (Special) who was a voting co-opted Member of the Board and Mr P Gathercole, a representative of Leeds VOICE Children and Young People Services Forum, who was a non-voting co-opted Member of the Board.
- 3.2 It has now been confirmed that Mr Ian Falkingham has been nominated as the new Parent Governor (Special) representative and that Ms Jeannette Morris-Boam has been nominated as the new Leeds VOICE Children and Young People Services Forum representative.
- 3.3 The Board is also reminded of the option to co-opt on to the Board a further two non-voting co-optees with specialist knowledge or skills for the duration of specific inquiries.

### **4.0 Recommendation**

- 4.1 Members are asked to note the following:
- (a). The resignation from Scrutiny Board (Children's Services) of Parent Governor (Special) representative Mr C Macpherson, a voting co-opted Member of the Board who will be replaced by Mr I Falkingham;
  - (b). The resignation from Scrutiny Board (Children's Services) of Mr P Gathercole, a non-voting co-opted Member of the Board representing Leeds VOICE Children and Young People Services Forum, who will be replaced by Ms J Morris-Boam.