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## Report of the Director of Children's Services

### Scrutiny Board (Children's Services)

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> September 2007

### Subject: Response to Youth Services Inquiry recommendations

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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 Introduction

- 1.1 The Board conducted an inquiry in 2006 into youth services in Leeds.
- 1.2 The purpose of the inquiry was to make an assessment of, and where appropriate make recommendations on, the following areas:
- What should Leeds City Council include in the youth offer that it will have to publish next year?
  - What can be learnt from the existing patterns of provision across the city?
  - What do young people want and expect from youth services in Leeds?
- 1.3 The resultant Scrutiny Board report contained eight recommendations. The Director of Children's Services has prepared a document which provides a response to each of the recommendations.

## 2.0 Additional Information

- 2.1 Following extensive consultation with young people and with agencies which work with young people, it is intended to publish the first Leeds Youth Offer in November 2007.
- 2.2 Responsibility for coordinating and further developing the youth offer will rest long term with the Leeds Integrated Youth Support Service. The establishment date for IYSS remains April 2008.
- 2.3 The Government issued its "Ten Year Youth Strategy" at the end of July 2007. This is a hugely significant development and will have positive and far reaching implications for youth services in the future.

### **3.0 Recommendation**

- 3.1 The Board is asked to receive the responses of the Director of Children's Services to the recommendations resulting from the Youth Services inquiry.