



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Children's Services)

Date: 13 July 2006

Subject: Work Programme

Electoral Wards Affected:

Specific Implications For:

Ethnic minorities

Women

Disabled people

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

1.1 A copy of the board's draft work programme is attached for members' consideration (appendix 1). The draft programme reflects the issues identified at the board's first meeting in June.

2.0 Work programming

2.1 Attached to this report are the current Forward Plan of Key Decisions (appendix 2) and the minutes of the council's Executive Board meeting held on 14th June 2006 (appendix 3), which will give members an overview of current activity within the Board's portfolio area.

3.0 Recommendation

3.1 The Board is requested to agree the attached work programme subject to any decisions made at today's meeting.

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Appendix 1

Item	Description	Notes
Meeting date: 7th September 2006 - The deadline for reports for this meeting is 10.00am on Tuesday 22nd August		
Youth Services	To agree the terms of reference for the Board's Inquiry	The Scrutiny Board (Children's Services) agreed to conduct an Inquiry into Youth Services at its meeting in June 2006
Adoption	To receive evidence as Sessions 1 and 2 of the Board's Inquiry into Adoption	The Board is due to agree the terms of reference for this Inquiry at its July meeting
Meeting date: 12th October 2006 - The deadline for reports for this meeting is 10.00am on Tuesday 26th September		
Monitoring meeting	At this meeting the Board will consider progress reports on a number of initiatives and services including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's Services • Transition • School Admissions and Appeals • Extended Schools • Safeguarding Children 	The Board agreed to take this approach in June 2006, as a way of maintaining an overview across its portfolio

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Item	Description	Notes
Meeting date: 16th November 2006 - The deadline for reports for this meeting is 10.00am on Tuesday 31st October		
Adoption	To receive evidence as Sessions 3 and 4 of the Board's Inquiry into Adoption	The Board is due to agree the terms of reference for this Inquiry at its July meeting
Inquiry 3	To agree the terms of reference for the Board's third major Inquiry of 2006/07	
Meeting date: 14th December 2006 - The deadline for reports for this meeting is 10.00am on Tuesday 28th November		
Youth Services	To receive evidence as Sessions 1 and 2 of the Board's Inquiry into Youth Services	The Board is due to agree the terms of reference for this Inquiry at its September meeting
Secondary Achievement	To receive a progress report on implementation of the Board's recommendations	In line with recommendation 14 of the Inquiry report published in April 2006
Meeting date: 11th January 2007 - The deadline for reports for this meeting is 10.00am on Tuesday 19th December		
Inquiry 3	To receive evidence as Sessions 1 and 2 of the Board's Inquiry	The Board is due to agree the terms of reference for this Inquiry at its November meeting
Adoption	To approve the Board's Final Inquiry Report following its Inquiry into Adoption	

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Item	Description	Notes
Meeting date: 8th February 2007 - The deadline for reports for this meeting is 10.00am on Tuesday 23rd January		
Youth Services	To receive evidence as Sessions 3 and 4 of the Board's Inquiry into Youth Services	The Board is due to agree the terms of reference for this Inquiry at its September meeting
Meeting date: 8th March 2007 - The deadline for reports for this meeting is 10.00am on Tuesday 20th February		
Inquiry 3	To receive evidence as Sessions 3 and 4 of the Board's Inquiry	The Board is due to agree the terms of reference for this Inquiry at its November meeting
Adoption	To receive the formal response of the Social Services Department to the Board's Inquiry report on Adoption	
Meeting date: 19th April 2007 - The deadline for reports for this meeting is 10.00am on Tuesday 3rd April		
Annual Report	To agree the Board's contribution to the annual scrutiny report	
Final Inquiry Reports	To agree the Board's final Inquiry reports following its Inquiries into Youth Services and Inquiry 3.	

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FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

EXTRACT RELATING TO THE SCRUTINY BOARD (CHILDREN'S SERVICES)

For the period 1st July 2006 to 31st October 2006

Key Decisions	Decision Maker	Expected Date of Decision	Proposed Consultation	Documents to be Considered by Decision Maker	Lead Officer (To whom representations should be made)
School Calendar – Academic Year 2007/08 – To agree the school calendar for Community Voluntary Controlled and Community Special Schools for the academic year 2007/08	Director of Children's Services	5/7/06	Headteacher Forum	School Calendar – Academic Year 2007-08	Director of Children's Services
Review of Primary Provision in Boston Spa Primary Planning Area- seeking agreement on the way forward for primary provision in the Boston Spa area and any relevant statutory processes.	Executive Board (Portfolio: Learning)	16/8/06	Informal consultation	The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting	Chief Executive of Education Leeds
Review of Primary Provision in Alwoodley Primary Planning Area- To seek agreement on the way forward for structure of primary provision in Alwoodley and any relevant statutory processes.	Executive Board (Portfolio: Learning)	16/8/06	Formal consultation Autumn 2005	The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting	Chief Executive of Education Leeds

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Otley Prince Henry's Grammar School – To seek approval to inject a capital receipt generated from the proposed sale of the former Newall Primary School into the Capital Programme and to incur expenditure in respect of capital investment at Otley Prince Henry's Grammar School.	Executive Board (Portfolio: Learning)	16/8/06	Consultation ongoing with DfES	The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting	Chief Executive of Education Leeds
East Garforth Primary School – To seek approval to the ring fencing of a capital receipt generated from the sale of an area of surplus school land. Approval will also be sought to inject the capital receipt into the capital programme and to incur expenditure in respect of the construction of a new nursery, changing rooms, and an office link between the existing school buildings, and to carry out improvements to the school playing fields at East Garforth Primary School.	Executive Board (Portfolio: Learning)	16/8/06	Consultation ongoing with DfES	The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting	Chief Executive of Education Leeds

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Review of Primary Provision in Richmond Hill Primary Planning Area – Agreement on the way forward for primary provision in the Richmond Hill area and any relevant statutory processes	Executive Board (Portfolio: Learning)	16/8/06		The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting	Chief Executive of Education Leads

NOTES

Key decisions are those executive decisions:

- which result in the authority incurring expenditure or making savings over £500,000 per annum, or
- are likely to have a significant effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards

In cases where Key Decisions to be taken by the Executive are not included in this Plan, 5 days notice of the intention to take such decisions will be given by way of the Agenda for the Executive Board meeting.

Executive Board Portfolios

Central and Corporate
Development
City Services
Neighbourhoods and Housing
Leisure
Children's Services (Lead)
Children's Services (Support)
Adult Health and Social Care
Customer Services
Leader of the Labour Group
Advisory Member

Executive Member

Councillor Mark Harris
Councillor Andrew Carter
Councillor Steve Smith
Councillor John Leslie Carter
Councillor John Procter
Councillor Richard Brett
Councillor Richard Harker
Councillor Peter Harrand
Councillor David Blackburn
Councillor Keith Wakefield
Councillor Judith Blake