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**Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development**

**Scrutiny Board (Children's Services)**

**Date: 8 November 2007**

**Subject: Inquiry regarding Fountain Primary School**

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**Electoral Wards Affected: All**

**Specific Implications For:**

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

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**1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 In July 2007, the Scrutiny Board (Children's Services) agreed to a request for scrutiny, relating to the circumstances which had led to the need for redundancies at Fountain Primary School in Leeds.
- 1.2 The Board established a working group to gather evidence on its behalf from representatives of the school, Education Leeds and trade unions.
- 1.3 The working group has now completed its work and the Board is now in a position to report on its conclusions and recommendations resulting from the evidence gathered.
- 1.4 The draft final report is attached for consideration.

**2.0 Consultation**

- 2.1 Scrutiny Board Procedure Rule 16.3 states that "where a Scrutiny Board is considering making specific recommendations it shall invite advice from the appropriate Director(s) prior to finalising its recommendations. The Director shall consult with the appropriate Executive Member before providing any such advice. The detail of that advice shall be attached to the report".
- 2.2 The relevant Directors have indicated that there is no specific advice that they wish to provide at this stage, before the Board finalises its report.
- 2.3 Once the Board publishes its final report, the appropriate Directors will be asked to formally respond to the Scrutiny Board's recommendations within three months.

### **3.0 Recommendations**

3.1 The Board is requested to:-

- (i) Agree the Board's final report and recommendations.
- (ii) Request that officers formally respond to the Scrutiny Board's recommendations in February 2008.