



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Children's Services)

Date: 6 December 2007

Subject: Education Standards - Draft Terms of Reference

Electoral Wards Affected:

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 At the board's first meeting in June, members agreed to carry out an inquiry into an aspect of education standards in Leeds as one of their major pieces of work this year.
- 1.2 The board appointed a small working group to draft terms of reference for the inquiry. The working group met with officers for Education Leeds School Improvement Service on 19th September to discuss the potential scope for the inquiry.
- 1.3 The draft terms of reference will be circulated in advance of the board meeting, once members of the working group have been consulted on the draft prepared by the Principal Scrutiny Adviser.

2.0 Views of the director and executive member

- 2.1 The Scrutiny Board Procedure Rules Guidance Notes also require that, before embarking on an inquiry, the board seeks and considers the views of the relevant director and executive member. These views will need to be taken into account in finalising the terms of reference.

3.0 Recommendation

- 3.1 The board is requested to agree the terms of reference for the inquiry.