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

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

**Date: 17 January 2008**

**Subject: Education Standards Inquiry**

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**Electoral Wards Affected:**

**Specific Implications For:**

Ethnic minorities

Women

Disabled people

Narrowing the Gap

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**1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 At the board's first meeting in June, members agreed to carry out an inquiry into education standards 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 which were agreed at the board's December meeting. A copy of the agreed terms of reference is attached as Appendix 1.
- 1.3 The first formal session of the inquiry was scheduled for this meeting. The attached report and appendices outline the information requested from Education Leeds for this session.
- 1.4 Relevant officers will be at the meeting to present the information and respond to members' questions and comments.

**2.0 Recommendation**

- 2.1 The board is requested to consider the issues raised by the first session of this inquiry.