

Scrutiny Board (Children's Services)
Work Programme 2007/08
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Item	Description	Notes	Type of item
Meeting date – 17th January 2008			
Education Standards	To consider evidence as the first session of the board's inquiry		RP/DP
Leeds Strategic Plan 2008-2011	To consider the final draft of the Plan	The Board asked to see how its comments on the draft in October 2007 had been reflected in the final draft	DP
David Young Community Academy	To receive a briefing from the principal of the DYCA	A follow-up to November's briefing from Education Leeds, looking at several issues in more depth	B
8-13 year olds	To consider evidence as part of session four of the board's inquiry	This session will consider the findings from the board's visits	DP

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Meeting date – 14th February 2008			
Performance Management	Quarter 3 information for 2007/08 (Oct-Dec)	All Scrutiny Boards receive performance information on a quarterly basis	PM
School performance and Ofsted Inspections	Annual report on school performance and biannual update on Ofsted Inspections and schools causing concern	The Scrutiny Board agreed in 2006/07 to consider these reports to Executive Board	PM
Children's Services and the Children and Young People's Plan	To maintain an overview across the Board's portfolio, and to monitor the development of the Children's Services arrangements in Leeds	The Board has agreed to monitor progress against the priorities in the Plan on a quarterly basis	PM
Leeds Strategic Plan 2008-2011	To consider the draft indicators and targets to be included in the Plan	This is the next stage, following the Board's earlier consideration of the draft priorities	DP
Recommendation Tracking	This item track progress with previous Scrutiny recommendations on a quarterly basis		MSR
Scrutiny by Children and Young People	To approve terms of reference for the chosen inquiry by children and young people	The Youth Council selected the environment as their chosen topic.	DP
Fountain Primary School	To receive the formal response to the Board's inquiry report		MSR

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Meeting date – 13th March 2008			
8-13 year olds	To agree the final report arising from the board's inquiry		DP
Education Standards	To consider evidence as the second session of the board's inquiry		RP/DP
Meeting date –10th April 2008			
Family support and parenting strategy	To receive an update on progress in implementing this strategy	The Board requested a further opportunity to consider this topic when the strategy was first presented in December 2007.	PM
Annual Report	To agree the Board's contribution to the annual scrutiny report		
Education Standards	To agree the final report arising from the board's inquiry		RP/DP

Key:

RFS – Request for scrutiny

RP – Review of existing policy

DP – Development of new policy

MSR – Monitoring scrutiny recommendations

PM – Performance management

B – Briefings (including potential areas for scrutiny)

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Working Groups			
Working group	Membership	Progress update	Dates of meetings
'Catching the Bus' Monitoring progress	Councillor Lancaster Councillor Renshaw Tony Britten	The young people have met to prepare for the joint working group.	31 January 2008
Inclusion	Councillor Hyde Councillor Hamilton Councillor Langdale Tony Britten Ian Falkingham Celia Foote Peter Gosden Sandra Hutchinson Sue Knights	This working group will look at two of the four strategic objectives of the Inclusion Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The further development of specialist provision, including the role of the SILCs; • The further development of the behaviour continuum and provision, including the role of the pupil referral units 	5 December 2007 23 January 2008