



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Children's Services)

Date: 7 September 2006

Subject: Adoption in Leeds – Inquiry Session One

Electoral Wards Affected:

Specific Implications For:

Ethnic minorities

Women

Disabled people

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 At the board's first meeting in June, members agreed to carry out an inquiry into adoption 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 which were agreed at the board's July meeting. A copy of the agreed terms of reference is attached as Appendix1.
- 1.3 The first and second formal sessions of the inquiry were scheduled for this meeting. The first session focuses on providing a general context to the adoption service. Attached at Appendix 2 is a report which outlines the information requested from the Social Services department for this session.
- 1.4 Social Services staff involved in adoption 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.