



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Environment and Neighbourhoods)

Date: 10th November 2008

Subject: Inquiry into Asylum Seeker Case Resolution

Electoral Wards Affected: All

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 At the beginning of the year the Board agreed to carry out an Inquiry into Asylum Seeker Case Resolution. Terms of reference for this Inquiry were agreed by the Board last month. These are attached as appendix 1.
- 1.2 The purpose of today's meeting is to consider evidence in line with session one of the Board's Inquiry. This session focuses on the following areas:
- Details of the Government's case resolution policy and process in a Leeds and wider regional context;
 - Baseline data on the number of asylum seekers within Leeds who qualify for the case resolution programme;
 - Data showing the number of positively resolved cases as per the case resolution process;
 - Current and potential impact upon housing provision by the authority and the private rented sector of resolved case resolution cases;
 - Current and potential impact upon homelessness figures of resolved case resolution case.
- 1.3 A working group of the Board met on 27th October 2008 to consider evidence in line with the above. A summary report of the working group's discussions is attached as appendix 2 for the Board's consideration.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 The Board is asked to note the summary report of the working group.

Background Papers

None