
REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF EDUCATION LEEDS

EXECUTIVE BOARD: 3 December 2008

SUBJECT: 2008 Audit Commission School Survey

Electoral Wards Affected:

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality & Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Eligible for Call-in

Not Eligible for Call-in
(Details contained in the Report)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.0 PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

1.1 The purpose of the report is to present to the Board a summary of this year's Audit Commission School Survey results highlighting the improvement in schools satisfaction with the services provided locally for children and young people.

2.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2.1 121 schools took part in the survey. This represented 45% of Leeds schools and included 23 secondary schools and 89 primaries. The Leeds response rate is above the national of 34%.

2.2 2008 has seen strong improvement in satisfaction levels. 43 of the 82 questions have shown statistically significant improvements in satisfaction with no questions declining significantly. The number of questions where on average schools are dissatisfied has declined from 23 in 2007 to 11 this year.

2.3 In terms of comparison to other authorities there has been a strong reduction in the number of questions ranked in the bottom quartile of local authority averages. These are the best ever results for the survey in Leeds.

2.4 While overall the survey the survey is both positive and representative of good progress it does also highlight areas for further investigation and improvement. Survey results are made available to schools, services and partners. There is an expectation that services will use the results as a source of information to inform service improvement activity including service planning.

3. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

3.1 The Executive Board is asked to :

- note the findings of the 2008 Audit Commission School Survey as set out in Appendix A including the improvement in performance since last year
- note that the results of the survey will be used to inform children's services and partners service improvement plans

Background Papers:

2008 Audit Commission School Survey – Leeds results October 2008