



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Children's Services)

Date: 2 November 2006

Subject: Youth Services – 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 youth services 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 September meeting. A copy of the agreed terms of reference is attached as Appendix 1.
- 1.3 The first and second formal sessions of the inquiry were scheduled for this meeting. The first session focuses on providing general background about youth services and the requirement to produce a youth offer. Attached at Appendix 2 is a report which outlines the information requested for this session, including an update on the Youth Service Ofsted Action Plan.
- 1.4 The Head of Youth Service 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.