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## Report of the Director of Children's Services

### Executive Board

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> May 2006

Subject: Implementing the Children Act 2004 in Leeds - Update

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**Electoral Wards Affected:**

**Specific Implications For:**

Ethnic minorities

Women

Disabled people

Narrowing the Gap

Eligible for Call In

Not Eligible for Call In

(Details contained in the report)

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to update members of the Executive Board on developments nationally and locally on the Children Act 2004, since the last report in December 2005. Since December there have been other reports outlining the new arrangements to support the Director of Children's Services and also setting out the Children and Young People's Plan.
- 1.2 The report provides details of national developments affecting children and young people and also outlines some of the significant local developments with taking forward the Every Child Matters agenda in Leeds. This report hopefully signals that with the appointment of the DCS and the first Children and Young People's Plan, there will now be a clearer focus on leadership and developments, even more working in partnership to deliver better outcomes for children, and a resolution of some of the issues and potential barriers.
- 1.3 Executive Board are asked to note progress.