



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board: Children's Services

Date: 25 March 2010

Subject: Draft Scrutiny Inquiry Statement – Attendance

Electoral Wards Affected:

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

1.1 This report presents the conclusions and recommendations arising from the Scrutiny Board's work on school attendance. This issue was identified as a result of the Board's regular performance monitoring work.

2.0 Consultation

2.1 Scrutiny Board Procedure Rule 16.3 states that "where a Scrutiny Board is considering making specific recommendations it shall invite advice from the appropriate Director(s) prior to finalising its recommendations. The Director shall consult with the appropriate Executive Member before providing any such advice. The detail of that advice shall be reported to the Scrutiny Board and considered before the Statement is finalised".

2.2 The Chief Executive of Education Leeds has indicated that there is no specific advice that he wishes to provide at this stage, before the Board finalises its statement.

2.3 Once the Board publishes its final statement, the Chief Executive of Education Leeds will be asked to formally respond to the Scrutiny Board's recommendations within three months.

3.0 Recommendations

3.1 The Board is requested to:-

- (i) Agree the Board's final statement and recommendations.
- (ii) Request that a formal response to the recommendations is produced in line with normal procedures for scrutiny inquiry reports.

Background papers

None