



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Children's Services)

Date: 25 March 2010

Subject: Children's Services Improvement Plan

Electoral Wards Affected:

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This report presents the Children's Services Improvement Plan, which was agreed by the Executive Board on 10 March 2010, as well as providing details of the Improvement Board, and the final Improvement Notice issued by the Secretary of State. The Scrutiny Board will receive quarterly updates on progress in delivering the Improvement Plan.
- 1.2 Relevant officers and members will attend the meeting to discuss the Plan and answer Scrutiny Board members' questions. In addition, the independent Chair of the Improvement Board, Bill McCarthy, has agreed to attend the Scrutiny Board's meeting.

2.0 Performance Monitoring Information

- 2.1 The Scrutiny Board receives a regular quarterly performance report on areas within its remit. There are obviously strong links between the issues covered in the performance report and the priorities in the Improvement Plan, although the performance report covers a wider range of topics.
- 2.2 In order to try and assist the Board to deal most effectively with these issues, the quarter 3 performance report has been included in this agenda item, as background information, rather than as a separate agenda item.

3.0 Recommendation

- 3.1 The board is recommended to consider the information provided and identify any specific areas for further scrutiny inquiry.

Background papers

None