



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board: Children's Services

Date: 22 April 2010

Subject: Draft Scrutiny Inquiry Statement – Youth Service Surveys

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 youth service surveys. This issue arose from tracking the recommendations of a previous scrutiny inquiry on youth services.

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 Interim Director of Children's Services has provided the following advice:

The new Children's Trust Board is to be established and to meet for the first time at the end of April. The Trust Board will take a strategic oversight of all the work in the city to improve outcomes for children and young people. As part of that responsibility the Trust Board will need to ensure that appropriate action is in place to seek the views of children and young people and to make sure that those views contribute to decision making. The Trust Board will need to consider fairly early on how it will wish to do this – I would suggest that taking forward the findings from the youth service surveys scrutiny are part of the information that goes to the Trust Board when this item is on the agenda.

2.3 Once the Scrutiny Board publishes its final statement, the Interim Director of Children's Services and 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