



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Children's Services)

Date: 14 December 2006

Subject: Youth Services – Inquiry Session Three

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 in Leeds 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 held on 2 November. The third and fourth formal sessions of the inquiry were scheduled for this meeting. These sessions will complete the formal evidence gathering stage of the inquiry.
- 1.4 Session three aims to consider the perspective of other agencies involved in delivering youth services and consider further examples of partnership working.
- 1.5 The following stakeholders will be represented at the meeting:
 - Youth Service
 - Leeds Voice
 - Community Safety
 - Youth Offending Service
 - igen
 - Connexions
 - John Smeaton Community High School
 - Education Leeds
 - Learning and Leisure

1.6 Some of the stakeholders have provided background information which is attached as Appendices 2- 6:

- Appendix 2 Community Safety
- Appendix 3 Youth Offending Service
- Appendix 4 igen
- Appendix 5 Connexions
- Appendix 6 Arts and Events team, Learning and Leisure

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 The board is requested to consider the issues raised by the third session of this inquiry.