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**Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development**

**Scrutiny Board (Children's Services)**

**Date: 14 December 2006**

**Subject: Youth Services – Inquiry Session Four**

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**Electoral Wards Affected:**

**Specific Implications For:**

Ethnic minorities

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Women

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Disabled people

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Narrowing the Gap

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**1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 This is the final scheduled session of the board's inquiry on youth services in Leeds.
- 1.2 The focus of this session is to consider the findings from the working group activities which have formed part of the board's work on this topic. A write-up of these visits will be circulated to members before the meeting.
- 1.3 At the first two sessions of the inquiry, a number of items of additional information were requested. Some of these have been attached as Appendix 1- 4 and include information with regard to:
- PFI schools (Appendix 1)
  - Services for young people with a learning difficulty or disability (Appendix 2)
  - Childcare Act (Appendix 3)
  - Youth Networks (Appendix 4)
- Other information requested relating to CRB checks and the role of the LSC will be reported verbally at the meeting.
- 1.4 John Paxton, Head of Youth Service, will be at the meeting to respond to members' questions and comments arising from this information.
- 1.5 The above evidence completes the scheduled activities for the board's inquiry. The board is therefore requested to consider whether it now has sufficient information to

complete its inquiry and to consider the conclusions and recommendations to be incorporated into the draft inquiry report.

## **2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1 The board is requested to consider the issues raised by the fourth session of this inquiry.
- 2.2 The board is requested to consider the emerging conclusions and recommendations to be reflected in the draft report of the board's inquiry.