

Council Committees' Terms of Reference

Scrutiny Board (Children's Services)

1. In relation to **Children's Services**¹, to exercise the functions of a Scrutiny Board including the following:
 - (a) to review or scrutinise the exercise of any council or executive function, or any other related matter²;
 - (b) to make reports or recommendations to Council or the Executive in connection with the exercise of any functions of the Council or the Executive including proposals for changes to policies and practices;
 - (c) to receive and review external audit and inspection reports;
 - (d) to act as the appropriate Scrutiny Board³ in relation to the Executive's initial proposals for a plan or strategy within the Budget and Policy Framework;
 - (e) to review corporate performance indicators and to make such reports and recommendations as it considers appropriate;
 - (f) to undertake value for money reviews;
 - (g) to review outcomes, targets and priorities within the Leeds Strategic Plan and to make such reports and recommendations as it considers appropriate; and
 - (h) to review or scrutinise executive decisions made but not implemented.⁴

2. To receive and monitor formal responses to any reports or recommendations made by the Board.

¹ These are the functions delegated under the officer delegation scheme (council functions) and the officer delegation scheme (executive functions) to:

- the Director of Children's Services;
- Chief Officer (Children and Young People's Social Care); and
- the Chief Officer (Early Years and Integrated Youth Support Service);

but excluding those matters assigned to the Scrutiny Board (Health) under the Local Authority (Overview and Scrutiny Committees Health Scrutiny Functions) Regulations 2002 as amended.

² including matters pertaining to outside bodies and partnerships to which appointments have been made by the authority

³ under the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules

⁴ which have been called-in under Rule 21 of the Scrutiny Board Procedure Rules