



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Children's Services)

Date: 20 September 2010

Subject: Request for Scrutiny – Connexions

Electoral Wards Affected:

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 A request for scrutiny has been received from Matthew Johnson, who has been invited to attend the Board meeting to briefly outline the reason for the request. The request relates to the future of the Connexions service and the potential impact on young people. Details of the request are attached.
- 1.2 The Scrutiny Board Procedure Rules state that a Board “.....shall consider a request from any (other) source to conduct an Inquiry. All such requests for an Inquiry must be submitted in writing to the Proper Officer. The Proper Officer shall add the request to the agenda for the next Ordinary Meeting of the relevant Scrutiny Board. The Proper Office shall acknowledge all such requests for an Inquiry. At the next Ordinary Meeting, the Scrutiny Board shall consider any request for an Inquiry which the Proper Officer has added to the agenda.
- 1.3 Where the request has not come from the Executive or the Council, the person or body making the request will be invited to attend the Board's meeting to explain the reasons for the request. The Scrutiny Board Chair will decide how much time will be given to the person or body for addressing the Scrutiny Board. The Proper Officer will inform whoever submitted the request and any other relevant parties about the decision of the Scrutiny Board.”

2.0 OPTIONS FOR INVESTIGATIONS AND INQUIRIES

- 2.1 The Scrutiny Board is required to consider whether an Inquiry into this matter is appropriate and if so, what form that Inquiry shall take.
- 2.2 When deciding whether the Board will pursue a request for Scrutiny, it is important for Members to consider the request in the context of the Board's terms of reference, its existing Work Programme and commitments.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Board is asked to consider the request for Scrutiny and to consider whether further investigation is to be undertaken.

Background papers

Scrutiny Board Procedure Rules