



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Children's Services)

Date: 20 September 2010

Subject: Fostering Service Inspection Report

Electoral Wards Affected:

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Leeds City Council's Fostering Service was inspected by Ofsted in June 2010. The inspection report gave an overall quality rating of good for the service. This compares to a rating of satisfactory when the service was last inspected in June 2009.
- 1.2 The report is brought to the Scrutiny Board in line with normal practice for external inspection reports, as part of the Board's performance monitoring function.
- 1.3 The service has developed a response to each of the recommendations in the inspection report (attached). These have been incorporated into the service plan for the fostering service.
- 1.4 Relevant officers from Children and Young People's Social Care will attend the meeting to answer Scrutiny Board members' questions arising from the inspection report.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 The Scrutiny Board is recommended to consider the inspection report's findings and the response to the recommendations.

Background papers

None