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## Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

### Scrutiny Board (Children's Services)

Date: 20 September 2010

### Subject: Children's Services Improvement Plan – monitoring report

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**Electoral Wards Affected:**

**Specific Implications For:**

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

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## 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This report presents the Children's Services Improvement Plan monitoring report, as presented to the Improvement Board in August 2010 (Appendix 1). The Improvement Plan is the council's plan for responding to the issues raised in the Improvement Notice issued by the Secretary of State in March 2010. The Improvement Board is an independently chaired multi-agency body which monitors and drives progress against the Improvement Plan, with the chair reporting progress regularly to government.
- 1.2 When the Improvement Plan was agreed by the Executive Board in March 2010, it was also agreed that this Scrutiny Board would receive a quarterly update on progress in delivering the Improvement Plan. This is the second of those quarterly reports, and the next one will be presented to the Scrutiny Board in December.
- 1.3 The Chair of the Improvement Board, relevant members and officers will attend the meeting to discuss progress with the Improvement Plan and answer Scrutiny Board members' questions.

## 2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 The board is recommended to consider the information provided and identify any specific areas for further scrutiny inquiry.

### Background papers

- Improvement Notice - March 2010