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## Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

### Scrutiny Board (Children's Services)

Date: 8 February 2007

**Subject: Annual report on standards in Leeds schools and biannual update on Ofsted inspections and schools causing concern**

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**Electoral Wards Affected:**

**Specific Implications For:**

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

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## 1.0 Background

- 1.1 At the board's October meeting, members requested that the regular reports from Education Leeds to Executive Board which detail any recent Ofsted inspection results be submitted to this board for information.
- 1.2 In January Executive Board considered the attached reports which are now submitted for this board's consideration:
- Annual report on standards in Leeds primary schools and biannual update on Ofsted inspections and schools causing concern
  - Annex 1: Ofsted summaries – Leeds primary schools
  - Annex 2: Primary schools causing concern (in extended partnerships)
  - Annual report on standards in Leeds high schools and biannual update on Ofsted inspections and schools causing concern
  - Annex 1: Ofsted summaries – Leeds high schools and SILCs
  - Annex 2: High schools causing concern (in extended and focused partnerships)
- 1.3 In addition, at the board's December meeting reference was made to the Royal Society report '*A degree of concern? – UK first degrees in science, technology and mathematics*' which raised concerns over the supply of skilled people needed to maintain the UK as a leading knowledge economy. In particular members were interested in the implications for pupil's subject choices and standards achieved at secondary level.

- 1.4 Members agreed to consider the report as a prompt for debate at the same time as they received the annual report on standards in Leeds high schools. The summary of the Royal Society report is attached.
- 1.5 An officer from Education Leeds will be present at the meeting to respond to members' questions and comments.

## **2.0 Recommendation**

- 2.1 The board is requested to consider the attached reports.