



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Children and Families)

Date: 21 July 2011

Subject: Draft Terms of Reference

Electoral Wards Affected:

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This year the Scrutiny Board's terms of reference identify three pieces of work for the Board to undertake related to the three obsessions in the Children and Young People's Plan.
- 1.2 At the board's meeting in June, members agreed that their first major piece of work this year would be an inquiry focused on the first of these areas - reducing the number of looked after children.
- 1.3 Draft terms of reference for the inquiry will be circulated before the meeting.

2.0 Views of the director and executive member

- 2.1 The Scrutiny Board Procedure Rules Guidance Notes also require that, before embarking on an inquiry, the board seeks and considers the views of the relevant director and executive member. These views will need to be taken into account in finalising the terms of reference.
- 2.2 Any comments received on the draft terms of reference will be reported to the board at the meeting.

3.0 Recommendation

- 3.1 The board is requested to agree the terms of reference for the inquiry.

Background papers

None