



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Children's Services)

Date: 8 March 2007

Subject: The Implications of Trust Schools for the Local Authority – Inquiry Session Two

Electoral Wards Affected:

Specific Implications For:

Ethnic minorities

Women

Disabled people

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 At the board's December meeting, members agreed to carry out an inquiry into the implications for Leeds City Council of the new legislation relating to Trust Schools. A copy of the agreed terms of reference for the inquiry is attached as Appendix 1.
- 1.2 The first session of the inquiry was held at the last Board Meeting on 8 February 2007. The second session of the inquiry was scheduled for this meeting. This session will complete the formal evidence gathering stage of the inquiry.
- 1.3 Session two aims to gather information identified in the terms of reference from several representatives of organizations:
 - Children Leeds
 - The Schools Commissioner
 - Garforth Community College
 - Trinity and All Saints College
 - Temple Moor High School Science College
 - David Young Community Academy

- 1.4 Children Leeds has also provided a report about Trust Schools in the context of the Children's Services authority and partnership working. The report is attached as Appendix 2. The Deputy Director, Children's Services will be attending the meeting to present the report and respond to Members' questions and comments.
- 1.5 In accordance with the terms of reference for the inquiry, information about past experience of LEAs working with Grant Maintained schools has been gathered together in a short briefing paper, attached at Appendix 3.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 The board is requested to consider the issues raised by the second session of this inquiry.