

**SCRUTINY BOARD
(CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE)**

26TH APRIL 2006

PRESENT: Councillor J Bale in the Chair
Councillors Brett, Ewens, R D Feldman,
Kendall, Mulherin, Murray and Selby

**CO-OPTED MEMBERS:
(VOTING)** Mr E A Britten – Church Representative (Catholic)
Prof P H J H Gosden – Church Representative (Church
of England)
Mr R Greaves – Parent Governor Representative
(Secondary)

**CO-OPTED MEMBERS:
(NON-VOTING)** Mr T Hales – Teacher Representative

138 Chair's Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed all in attendance to an additional meeting of the Scrutiny Board (Children and Young People).

139 Late Items

In accordance with his powers under Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chair admitted to the agenda the final draft versions of the Scrutiny Board inquiry reports into Secondary Achievement, Implementing the Children's Act in Leeds and the Recruitment, Retention and Workload of Children's Social Workers for the Board's final approval (Minute Nos 142, 143 and 144 refer respectively). All the reports had been unavailable at the time of the agenda despatch.

140 Declarations of Interest

The following Members declared personal interests in respect of agenda item 6, 'Scrutiny Board Inquiry Report - Secondary Achievement' due to their respective positions as either school or college governors (Minute No 142 refers):

Councillors Bale, Ewens, R D Feldman, Kendall, Mulherin, Murray, Selby, Mr E A Britten and Mr R Greaves.

Councillor Murray declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 6, 'Scrutiny Board Inquiry Report – Recruitment, Retention and Workload of Children's Social Workers', as his wife was employed to work with children in a similar capacity as was detailed within the report (Minute No 144 refers).

141 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received on behalf of Ms G Cooper, Ms C Foote, Mr P Gathercole and Mr C Macpherson.

At this point in the meeting, the Chair thanked all the elected members, officers and especially co-opted members for all of their commitment and hard

work over the last municipal year which had seen the Scrutiny Board undertake a varied and substantial Work Programme.

142 Scrutiny Board Inquiry Report – Secondary Achievement

A report was submitted by the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development which sought the Board's approval of the final draft version of the Scrutiny Board (Children and Young People) inquiry report into Secondary Achievement.

A final draft version of the Scrutiny Board inquiry report was tabled at the meeting for Members' consideration.

RESOLVED –

- (a). That the contents of the report be noted;
- (b). That the Scrutiny Board (Children and Young People) inquiry report into Secondary Achievement be approved.

143 Scrutiny Board Inquiry Report – Implementing the Children Act 2004 in Leeds

The Board received a report from the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development which sought Members' approval of the final draft version of the Scrutiny Board (Children and Young People) inquiry report entitled, 'Implementing the Children Act 2004 in Leeds'.

A final draft version of the Scrutiny Board inquiry report was tabled at the meeting for Members' consideration.

RESOLVED –

- (a). That the contents of the report be noted;
- (b). That the Scrutiny Board (Children and Young People) inquiry report entitled, 'Implementing the Children Act 2004 in Leeds', be approved.

144 Scrutiny Board Inquiry Report – Recruitment and Retention of Children's Social Workers

Members received a report from the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development which sought the Board's approval of the final draft version of the Scrutiny Board (Children and Young People) inquiry report entitled, 'Recruitment, Retention and Workload of Children's Social Workers'.

A final draft version of the Scrutiny Board inquiry report was tabled at the meeting for Members' consideration.

RESOLVED –

- (a). That the contents of the report be noted;
- (b). That the Scrutiny Board (Children and Young People) inquiry report entitled, 'Recruitment, Retention and Workload of Children's Social Workers' be approved.

(NB Having declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item due to his wife being employed to work with children in a similar capacity as was detailed within the report, Councillor Murray took no part in the discussion of this item and left the room during the consideration thereof)

(The meeting concluded at 3.05 p.m.)