

**Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development**

**Report to Scrutiny Board (Children and Families)**

**Date: 14<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

**Subject: Scrutiny Inquiry into Increasing the Number of Young People in Employment, Education or Training**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**Summary of main issues**

- 1 The Scrutiny Board (Children and Families) was tasked by Council to carry out a piece of work on each of the three Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) obsessions. The third of these relates to reducing the number of young people not in education, employment or training, also referred to as NEET.

NEET was selected as one of the obsessions as it is an indicator of success or failure in educating and supporting young people. If young people fail to make a successful transition to further learning or employment it is likely to have major consequences for economic wellbeing in their adult life.

- 2 The Board conducted its inquiry over three session commencing on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February 2012 and concluding on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April 2012. The Board also conducted two visits to speak to young people undertaking courses provided by IGEN and Leeds City College.

The inquiry report will be issued to the Scrutiny Board in advance of the meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2013.

- 3 Scrutiny Board Procedure Rule 13.2 states that "where a Scrutiny Board is considering making specific recommendations it shall invite advice from the appropriate Director(s) prior to finalising its recommendations. The Director shall consult with the appropriate Executive Member before providing any such advice. The

detail of that advice shall be reported to the Scrutiny Board and considered before the report is finalised”.

4. Any advice received will be reported at the Board’s meeting for consideration, before the Board finalises its report.
5. Once the Board publishes its final report, the appropriate Director(s) will be asked to formally respond to the Scrutiny Board’s recommendations within three months.

### **Recommendations**

6. Members are asked to consider and agree the Board’s report following its inquiry into Increasing the Number of Young People in Employment, Education or Training.

### **Background documents**

7. None used<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council’s website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.