



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Children's Services)

Date: 19 April 2007

Subject: Young People's Scrutiny Forum – Catching the Bus

Electoral Wards Affected: All

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity



Community Cohesion



Narrowing the Gap



1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 In June 2006 Scrutiny Board (Children's Services) asked the Youth Council to suggest a topic of importance to young people which could be the subject of a scrutiny inquiry undertaken by young people on behalf of the board.
- 1.2 The Youth Council chose transport and a Young People's Scrutiny Forum was then created to carry out this inquiry.
- 1.3 In order to involve as wide a range of young people as possible, it was decided to invite young people from ROAR (Reach out and Reconnect) to join the forum. As a result the Young People's Scrutiny Forum consisted of young people who had volunteered from both the Youth Council and from ROAR.
- 1.4 In September 2006 the Young People's Scrutiny Forum met for the first time and decided to concentrate its inquiry on bus services in Leeds.
- 1.5 The Young People's Scrutiny Forum concluded its deliberations on 8th March 2007. A copy of its draft final report is attached as Appendix 1.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 The Board is requested to:-

- (i) Consider the forum's request that the board help ensure that the report is distributed widely and given appropriate consideration.
- (ii) Approve the forum's final report and recommendations.
- (iii) Request that officers formally respond to the forum's recommendations in July 2007.