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## Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

### Scrutiny Board (Children's Services)

Date: 19 April 2007

Subject: Scrutiny Board draft statement - Departmental Communications

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**Electoral Wards Affected:**

**Specific Implications For:**

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 At its meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2006 the Board decided to establish a working group to consider departmental communications, in response to a referral from Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 1.2 The Working Group met with relevant officers in March 2007.
- 1.3 Attached as Appendix 1 is a draft 'statement' from the Board arising from the working group's activity.

## 2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Board is asked to formally agree the attached statement in relation to Departmental Communications.