

SCRUTINY BOARD (CHILDREN'S SERVICES)

Meeting to be held in Civic Hall, Leeds on
Thursday, 16th October, 2008 at 9.45 am

(A pre-meeting will take place for ALL Members of the Board at 9.15 a.m.)

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors

B Cleasby	-	Horsforth
G Driver	-	Middleton Park
J Elliott	-	Morley South
R D Feldman	-	Alwoodley
W Hyde (Chair)	-	Temple Newsam
B Lancaster	-	Moortown
J McKenna	-	Armley
V Morgan	-	Killingbeck and Seacroft
K Renshaw	-	Ardsley and Robin Hood
E Taylor	-	Chapel Allerton
C Townsley	-	Horsforth

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)
Mr I Falkingham	-	Parent Governor Representative (Special)
Mrs S Knights	-	Parent Governor Representative (Primary)

Co-opted Members (Non-Voting)

Vacancy	-	Teacher Representative
Ms C Foote	-	Teacher Representative
Mrs S Hutchinson	-	Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership
Ms J Morris-Boam	-	Leeds VOICE Children and Young People Services Forum Representative
Ms T Kayani	-	Leeds Youth Work Partnership Representative

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1			<p>APPEALS AGAINST REFUSAL OF INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS</p> <p>To consider any appeals in accordance with Procedure Rule 25 of the Access to Information Rules (in the event of an Appeal the press and public will be excluded).</p> <p>(*In accordance with Procedure Rule 25, written notice of an appeal must be received by the Chief Democratic Services Officer at least 24 hours before the meeting).</p>	
2			<p>EXEMPT INFORMATION - POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC</p> <p>1 To highlight reports or appendices which officers have identified as containing exempt information, and where officers consider that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons outlined in the report.</p> <p>2 To consider whether or not to accept the officers recommendation in respect of the above information.</p> <p>3 If so, to formally pass the following resolution:-</p> <p>RESOLVED – That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following parts of the agenda designated as containing exempt information on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information, as follows:-</p> <p>No exempt items or information have been identified on this agenda.</p>	

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3			LATE ITEMS To identify items which have been admitted to the agenda by the Chair for consideration. (The special circumstance shall be specified in the minutes).	
4			DECLARATION OF INTERESTS To declare any personal/prejudicial interests for the purpose of Section 81(3) of the Local Government Act 2000 and paragraphs 8 to 12 of the Members' Code of Conduct.	
5			APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE To receive any apologies for absence.	
6			MINUTES - 18TH SEPTEMBER 2008 To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 18 th September 2008.	1 - 8
7			CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN To receive a report from the Director of Children's Services, which updates the Board on the key developments across Children's Services and outlines progress against specific priorities contained within the Children and Young People's Plan.	9 - 26
8			ACCOUNTABILITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2008/09 AND QUARTER 1 PERFORMANCE REPORT To receive and consider a report from the Assistant Chief Executive (Planning, Policy and Improvement), which outlines the new approach to performance reporting and accountability, together with the quarter one performance results for Children's Services.	27 - 48

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9			THE LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE To receive and consider a report from the Director of Children's Services, which provides the Board with information on The Leadership Challenge, a collaborative action learning project between Leeds City Council, Children Leeds, and the Improvement and Development Agency for local government (IDeA).	49 - 56
10			RECOMMENDATION TRACKING To receive and consider a report from the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development, which requests Members to confirm the status of recommendations from previous inquiries.	57 - 74
11			WORK PROGRAMME To receive a report from the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development, which outlines the Scrutiny Board's work programme for the remainder of the current municipal year.	75 - 88
12			DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING To note that the next meeting of the Board will be held on 13 th November, 2008 at 9.45 am with a pre-meeting for Board Members at 9.15 am.	