



SCRUTINY BOARD (CITY AND REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS)

Meeting to be held in Civic Hall on
Tuesday, 12th May, 2009 at 10.00 am

(A pre-meeting will take place for ALL Members of the Board at 9.30 a.m.)

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors

B Atha - Kirkstall;
S Bentley (Chair) - Weetwood;
C Campbell - Otley and Yeadon;
G Driver - Middleton Park;
J Dunn - Ardsley and Robin Hood;
C Fox - Adel and Wharfedale;
R Harington - Gipton and Harehills;
V Kendall - Roundhay;
J Lewis - Kippax and Methley;
T Murray - Garforth and Swillington;
R Pryke - Burmantofts and Richmond
Hill;
A Shelbrooke - Harewood;

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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 Procedure Rules (in the event of an Appeal the press and public will be excluded).</p> <p>(* In accordance with Procedure Rule 25, notice of an appeal must be received in writing 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>	

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5			<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>To receive any apologies for absence.</p>	
6			<p>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <p>To receive and approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 23 April 2009</p> <p><i>To follow</i></p>	
7			<p>SKILLS INQUIRY</p> <p>To receive and consider the attached report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development</p> <p><i>Full Draft Final Report to Follow</i></p>	1 - 2
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Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (City & Regional Partnerships)

Date: 12th May 2009

Subject: Inquiry into Skills

Electoral Wards Affected: All



Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Scrutiny Board (City & Regional Partnerships) has now completed its inquiry into Skills.
- 1.2 The Board is now in a position to report on its findings and its conclusions and recommendations resulting from the evidence gathered.
- 1.3 Whilst Members of the Scrutiny Board have been given an opportunity to comment on the draft report it is still out for consultation with our partners. In view of the fact that today's meeting is the last in the current municipal year the draft final report and recommendations will be circulated to all Members of the Board on the 5th May 2009 for consideration at today's meeting along with a summary of the evidence considered during the inquiry.

2.0 Consultation

- 2.1 This is one of the first Scrutiny Board inquiries to which the protocol between scrutiny and statutory public sector partners in Leeds applies. A separate protocol exists for the scrutiny of health. The statutory public sector partners protocol states that

"At the conclusion of an inquiry, Scrutiny Boards usually produce a preliminary report. These reports are drafted by the Scrutiny Support Unit in conjunction with the Scrutiny Board Chair and agreed by the Scrutiny Board. They contain a summary of the evidence submitted and the Board's conclusions and recommendations. Where a Scrutiny Board is considering making recommendations to a named public sector partner it will invite advice from the relevant Chief Executive prior to finalising its recommendations."

- 2.2 Several of the recommendations relate to the Learning and Skills Council (LSC) and its successor bodies and other public sector partners. Advice has been sought from them and will be reported to today's meeting.
- 2.3 Scrutiny Board Procedure Rule 16.3 states that "where a Scrutiny Board is considering making specific recommendations it shall invite advice from the appropriate Director 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 attached to the report".
- 2.4 In this case the specific recommendations involve the Chief Executive, Assistant Chief Executive (Planning Policy and Improvement), Directors of City Development , Resources, Children's Services and Environment and Neighbourhoods and they have been invited to consult with their relevant Executive Board Member and provide any advice that they would wish to provide at this stage, before the Scrutiny Board Members, finalise their report.
- 2.5 Any advice received from the Directors and Executive Board Members will be circulated to all Members of the Board at today's meeting.

3.0 Recommendations

- 3.1 The Board is requested to:-
- (i) Agree the Board's final report and recommendations having regard to any advice made by our public sector partners and the relevant Directors and Executive Board Members.
 - (ii) Request that the relevant public sector partners and specified Directors in consultation with their Executive Board Members formally respond to the Scrutiny Board's recommendations within 3 months of receipt of the Board's report.

Background Papers

None Used



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REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF EDUCATION LEEDS

SCRUTINY BOARD: City & Regional Partnerships on 12th May 2009

SUBJECT: Response to the statement of Scrutiny Board on University Fees

Electoral Wards Affected:

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

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Eligible for Call-in

Not Eligible for Call-in

(Details contained in the Report)

1.0 PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

1.1 This report is an officer response to the statement of Scrutiny Board (City & Regional Partnership) on University Fees published in November 2008.

2.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2.1 This report provides a detailed response to the three recommendations contained in the statement on University Fees approved by Scrutiny Board at the meeting on 20 November 2008.

The report is based on detailed discussions and written submissions from a range of interested parties. The originators of the report would like to thank all those who contributed to the response.

3.0 RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 Recommendation 1

That local MPs be asked to give their support to the view that there should be adequate funding of Higher Education without removing the cap on fees.

Recommendation 2

To complement recommendation 1 MPs and the Chief Executive of Education Leeds should be asked to support the introduction of a single national bursary system that is easy to understand and access through consistent and transparent process.

3.2 Response to Recommendations 1 and 2

These two recommendations were primarily addressed by Rosemary Archer, Director of Children's Services and Chris Edwards, Chief Executive of Education Leeds sending a joint letter to all local MPs outlining the issues and seeking their support. The content of the letter is included as Appendix 1.

3.3 Recommendation 3

That the Director of Children's Services and the Chief Executive of Education Leeds be asked to report back to this board in April 2009 on what initiatives they are developing to promote greater coordination and cooperation and flexibility between the universities and the Council to help improve the information, advice and guidance (IAG) provided for our young people, particularly in relation to university application processes and application for financial support.

3.4 Response to Recommendation 3

The detailed response to Recommendation 3 is given below This response is split into two main sections; current initiatives and services and future initiatives and developments.

3.5 Context

IAG is currently a national priority for DCSF and DIUS, who have identified that in recent years IAG has not met the needs of young people. The Education and Skills Act (2008) placed the duty to deliver information, advice and guidance for young people aged 13-19 (25 for learners with learning difficulties / disabilities) with local authorities. Learning providers are now required to deliver impartial information about all progression opportunities, and careers education becomes statutory for learners from year 7 to year 13. This includes progression to higher education and student financial support.

Prospects will take up the new contract for delivery of a universal Connexions service in Leeds from 1 April 2009. Prospects will undertake a full service review during the first 8 weeks of the contract. This review will provide the opportunity to evaluate the existing IAG available to 14-19 learners around higher education, progression and student finance. Partners will be consulted on recommendations through the IYSS Strategic Board and 14-19 Strategy Group. The outcomes of the service review will inform the IYSS Service Plan, 14-19 Education Plan and the Connexions delivery plan.

3.6 Current initiatives and services for IAG around higher education and student finance.

Excellent partnership activity between local and sub regional universities and Leeds 14-19 learning providers can be seen in activities delivered to learners and

parents. The scope of current activity is broad, including widening participation days, curriculum support and development, mentoring by volunteer undergraduates for Leeds schools, primary school activities, gifted and talented programmes, summer schools, speakers for schools and colleges. Many of these activities are organised through formal partnerships e.g. Aimhigher, HEARWY, Compact schemes, etc. All Leeds HEIs are involved in curriculum development through Diploma consortia and higher education is represented at key strategic partnerships.

Leeds HEIs invest heavily in work around raising the aspirations of young people across the city and region through a range of widening participation and Aimhigher activities. Much of this work is focused on providing advice, guidance, support and encouragement for young people who would not generally consider progression to HE as an option. The universities also provide innovative bursary schemes to ensure students from underrepresented groups are not deterred from University.

Schools and colleges make 14-19 learners aware of how information, advice and guidance about higher education and student finance can help them to make decisions about future learning and how to access the services they need through careers education, tutorial support, targeted information at key transition points and initiatives aimed at improving attainment and progression for identified groups (e.g. Aimhigher cohort). Aimhigher fund an Impact Theatre Company performance for all year 9 learners, and this includes HE and student finance. The Aimhigher Roadshow provides more in depth information to identified students.

All schools and colleges review and evaluate their careers education and information advice and guidance delivery as part of their annual self evaluation for OFTSED.

Information about higher education and student finance specifically is available universally to young people usually in 16-19 phase through

- i. school post 16 careers education / tutorial programmes
- ii. FE student support services
- iii. Connexions information booklets and careers libraries
- iv Connexions personal advisers

Information is available in a number of formats, including handbooks produced by schools or colleges, locally produced Unifaqs handbook for sixth form students, nationally produced Connexions resources, letters to parents and carers, visiting speakers, workshops and tutorials in schools and colleges, university visits, open days and targeted widening participation and Aimhigher activity locally and sub-regionally. An annual UCAS HE convention is hosted in Leeds by Leeds Careers.

A number of local websites currently contain information about progression to HE including Leeds City Council, Leeds Pathways, Wyzup (Leeds Careers), Aimhigher (local and sub regional) and universities' own websites. In addition, national websites including directgov, Aimhigher, UCAS and Student Finance England. Students are signposted to these by schools and colleges and in the publications listed above.

Not all young people in Leeds will consider higher education: targeted work is in place with some young people less likely to progress onto higher education, including looked after children, young people from some black and minority ethnic

groups and young people from some localities or from families with lower income levels. Aimhigher targets resources to widen participation in partnership with schools, colleges and VCFS organisations such as REEMAP. The kids@uni scheme works with primary school children and their parents in targeted schools to widen participation.

Parents and carers receive information about how information, advice and guidance services can help their children at key transition points and how to access services. Resources are produced locally for parents and carers by Connexions and by schools and colleges. Parents / carers are signposted to national websites and publications. Parents / carers receive information about the UCAS HE convention in Leeds. Innovative activities are taking place with carers of looked after children as part of the Stepping Stones project to increase progression for this group of young people.

3.7 **Future initiatives and developments in the context of local change and national reform and policy drivers**

- A strategy for careers education and IAG is to be developed as part of the Children and Young People's Plan (details in the 14-19 Education Plan and IYSS Strategic Plan) to support service planning, curriculum development and CE/ IAG delivery. HE partners, including undergraduate students, parents / carers and other stakeholders will be included in the development of the strategy.
- An IAG Curriculum Group is to be convened with representation from all 14-19 stakeholders to support careers education and IAG development across the city, including raising awareness among learning providers of their statutory duty to deliver impartial IAG (Education and Skills Act, 2008).
- A network of IAG will be developed across the city, impacting on 14+ Confederations within the Children Leeds Wedge Partnership arrangements and the 14-19 Curriculum Framework Group and the Diploma delivery consortia will have named IAG leads to ensure comprehensive communication frameworks are in place.
- An IAG development co-ordinator post will be created by Prospects to work across Connexions, 14-19, learning providers and other partners to raise standards and support changes brought about by 14-19 reforms.
- Schools and colleges will be supported to review and evaluate their IAG regarding higher education progression, with an emphasis on student finance within the context of the national quality standards for IAG. There is a target of 75% of providers to meet national quality standards by March 2010 (reference 14-19 Education Plan). All schools and colleges will be required to review their careers education programmes against the national framework for careers education (year 7 – 13) and the learning outcomes for economic wellbeing and financial capability.
- Connexions Leeds will undertake a full review of information resources in all formats to ensure clarity, accuracy and coherence of information regarding higher education progression, university fees and student finance. Connexions Leeds will be responsible for ensuring this information is fully disseminated to Leeds schools and colleges, accessible by learners and parents / carers and understood by the teachers and advisers supporting learner choice and progression. Further information is available through Aimhigher publications and local websites.
- CPD focusing on HE progression and student finance to be prioritised for all Connexions PAs and professionals working with targeted groups, in line with

the requirements of the Connexions contract from April 2009. This will include teachers, tutors, PSCHE curriculum planners, Aimhigher organisers, youth workers, parent support assistants, training and apprenticeship providers, etc. Aimhigher will co-ordinate input from Student Finance England. Information has already been circulated to all schools, colleges and personal advisers.

- CPD around IAG, progression and university finance has been identified as a key activity in CYPP for 2009 – 10 for parent partnership workers, STEPS facilitators and other key professionals working with parents and communities. (STEPS is a personal effectiveness programme aimed at raising aspiration and expectations)
- Reforms to the secondary curriculum, including the introduction of Diplomas, are expected to improve outcomes for level 3 learners, with 60% of learners expected to achieve a level 3 qualification by 2015, having a positive impact on future progression to higher education.
- Focus groups with learners during year 12 (decision making), year 13 (application process) and with first year undergraduates (home students) will identify key issues during the guidance process. Focus groups with parents will ask how relevant the information received was to individual circumstance and how this could be improved. Learner focus groups and parent / community based events will be delivered as part of the new Connexions contract. The outcomes of focus groups will be presented to 14-19 Strategy Group and IYSS Board to inform IAG strategy development and curriculum and Connexions service planning.
- The changes to student financial arrangements and the possibility that the government will remove the ceiling on university fees will have an unknown impact on progression to higher education and undergraduate retention. It is possible that a 'HE champion' working across post 16 learning providers in Leeds may be able to counter the potential adverse impact of these changes by working to up-skill teachers, tutors and advisers in and build capacity in delivering IAG and financial information, including the role of bursaries in student financial support, within their organisations. Education Leeds in partnership with Connexions Leeds will discuss with local HEIs the possibility of them investing any underspend from their bursary schemes (see para. 8 Comments and recommendations of Scrutiny Report) in jointly funding a fixed term post. Education Leeds could host the post in the 14-19 team and provide the management function for the postholder. Integrating the role with 14-19 and Connexions activity as part of the 14-19 Education Plan would give immediate outcomes in terms of embedding relevant skills and knowledge in schools, colleges and parent / community interventions. Activity could be offered as a universal offer across the city supported by targeted intervention to meet the widening participation agenda.

4.0 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1 Scrutiny Board are asked to note the content of the report.

Appendix 1

Letter to local MPs

University Fees

Leeds City Council's Scrutiny Board (City and Regional Partnerships) considered a request from the University of Leeds Student Union concerning their University fees campaign and the impact students have on the Leeds economy. I attach a copy of a Statement and recommendations made by the Scrutiny Board which I hope you agree makes interesting reading.

As part of the Comments and Recommendations they recommended that the Director of Children's Services and the Chief Executive of Education Leeds write to all Leeds Members of Parliament seeking their support that there should be adequate funding of Higher Education without removing the cap on fees. To avoid you getting two letters I have agreed with the Director of Children's Services that I would produce the letter but it goes above Rosemary's signature also.

In the evidence received by the Scrutiny Board, both University Pro Vice Chancellors acknowledged the complexity and difficulty of the bursary schemes. We would, also therefore, ask that you support the introduction of a single national bursary system that is easy to understand and access through consistent and transparent processes.

Please let me know if you require any further information on this matter.

Yours sincerely

Rosemary Archer
Director of Children's Services

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Chief Executive Education Leeds

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Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (City & Regional Partnerships)

Date: 12th May 2009

Subject: Annual Report 2008/2009

Electoral Wards Affected: All

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Purpose of the report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the draft of the Board's contribution to the Scrutiny Boards Annual Report.

2.0 Introduction

2.1 Members will be aware that the operating protocols for Scrutiny Boards require the publication of an Annual Report to Council.

2.2 This is the Board's opportunity to contribute to that Annual Report.

3.0 Draft Annual Report

3.1 Attached is a draft of this Board's proposed submission which includes an introduction from the Chair and details of the work undertaken by the Board in this municipal year.

3.2 The content in the draft Annual Report concerning the Board's Inquiry into Skills will be dependent upon the outcome of today's meeting.

3.3 This year attention will be given to ensuring that each of the Scrutiny Boards submissions follow the same order and layout and whilst the content will not change there may be some changes necessary when the final document is published.

4.0 Recommendation

4.1 Members are asked to note paragraph 3.3 and approve the Board's contribution to the composite Annual Report.

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Scrutiny Board

(City & Regional Partnerships)



*Cllr Sue Bentley
Chair of Scrutiny Board
(City & Regional Partnerships)*

Membership of the Board:

Cllr Sue Bentley (Chair)
Cllr Bernard Atha
Cllr Colin Campbell
Cllr Geoff Driver
Cllr Jack Dunn*
Cllr Clive Fox
Cllr Roger Harington
Cllr James Lewis
Cllr Tom Murray
Cllr Ralph Pryke
Cllr Alec Shelbrooke

* Cllr Lucinda Yeadon was a Member of the Board until 25th February 2009

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The Chair's Summary

The Council in 2008 recognised the importance of reviewing how our partners are contributing to the outcomes, targets and priorities within the Leeds Strategic Plan by establishing this Scrutiny Board.

Whilst acknowledging the enormity of the task ahead we were able to concentrate our efforts for the first time on the effectiveness of our partnership arrangements. We have undertaken this work with vigour and enthusiasm.

I am grateful to all Members of the Board for their support, understanding and encouragement throughout the year. I know that the work we have undertaken thus far has added real value to our understanding of the complexity of this issue and contributed to the effectiveness of the areas we have considered.

A number of Members have served on several working groups and or visits and have given freely of their time which has been particularly helpful.

We have tried throughout the year in accordance with good scrutiny practice to maintain single item agendas for our Board meetings. In the main this has been achieved and has proved to be a valuable tool that allows detailed scrutiny of the

matter under review. It has also enabled witnesses to present their evidence and respond to our questions in a more relaxed and less pressured environment.

We undertook a detailed inquiry into the Role of the Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector (VCFS) in Council led community engagement. This was extremely worthwhile and if our recommendations are accepted by the Executive Board will contribute to our Strategic Plan. Our witnesses included a number from the Voluntary and Health Sector who informed me how pleased they were at being asked to give evidence to the Board on this matter.

We held several sessions on our inquiry into skills 19 plus and heard from a wide range of witnesses including the Learning and Skills Council, Heads of FE Colleges, the National Director and Regional Director National Skills Academy Financial Services. This was an extremely complex and difficult inquiry but positive in outcome.

We considered the Council's contract with Marketing Leeds and reviewed its Business Plan for 2009 to 2012.

We also had a number of meetings with representatives of the University Student Unions and Pro-Vice Chancellors of Leeds University and Leeds Metropolitan University on University fees following a request for scrutiny. Our discussions were very beneficial in understanding the issues involved.

There were a number of issues that the Board was unable to pursue because of a lack of time including the development of scrutiny at a regional and sub regional level. I hope at least some of these might be considered in the new municipal year.

I hope that the practice of the Board in making external visits to our partner organisations can continue next year. They were always well received and supported and provided us with a real opportunity to hear from individuals and organisations operating on the front line. It also provided an alternative outlet for them to raise issues and concerns.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who contributed to the work of the Board including witnesses, officers and scrutiny support staff.

Cllr Sue Bentley
Chair of Scrutiny Board (City & Regional Partnerships)

Inquiry on the Role of the Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector (VCFS) in Council Led Community Engagement

We considered the published Empowerment White Paper, 'Communities in Control: Real People, Real Power' which sets out new expectations and opportunities for Local Government. We agreed that it was timely to undertake an inquiry into the role of the VCFS in Council led community engagement.

Our Main Recommendation

That the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods co-ordinates work across the Council to undertake a Compact for Leeds awareness and compliance self assessment. This will enable the Board to assess the extent to which Council services engage with and recognise the value of VCFS in developing and improving their plans and policies in order to deliver a customer based service.



Voluntary Action Leeds

Our other recommendations were:

◇ That through the VCFS Partnership Group the Director of Resources and the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods

(a) reviews the period of funding attached to grant awards to VCFS organisations with a view to phasing in 3 - 5 year awards from April 2010 for appropriate schemes.

(b) identifies and provides appropriate support to enable VCFS organisations to develop planned exit strategies to better manage expiry of funding awards

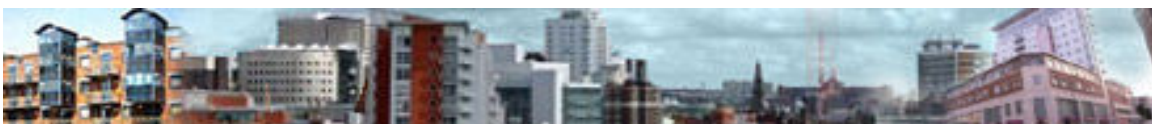
(c) strengthens leadership and collaborative arrangements within the Council and in the VCFS to minimise the potential for the duplication of commissioned activity in order to maximise the effectiveness and efficiency of the services being provided by April 2010.

"The VCF Sector has been extremely successful in engaging with communities at grass roots level in areas such as South Leeds and Gipton but this dynamism, flexibility, vision and energy may be lost as a consequence of commissioning and procurement.

Cllr Geoff Driver
Member of the Scrutiny Board



Members of the Board and Leeds Voice meeting representatives of the organisation Hope of Africa



Our other recommendations continued were:

◇ That through the VCFS Partnership Group the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods identifies

(a) what further improvements could be made to simplify the current procedures and processes (including funding) and how the Council in conjunction with the VCF sector could better provide quality support including training and advice to local voluntary organisations.

(b) the impacts of current commissioning strategies on smaller organisations and identifies what safeguards could be developed to prevent losing the valuable services of these smaller organisations that provide a valuable service to the local community.

(c) the opportunities to develop federated or collaborative working across VCFS infrastructure organisations to extend support to a wider range of organisations within the sector and benefit both their organisation and their service user and maximise the impact of public and other resources.

(d) the opportunities to develop targeted information and support to community organisations to support their development and enable them to address local issues.

"The work done across the city by VCF Sector organisations is invaluable, over 3,000 of which are affiliated to Leeds Voice."

Cllr Sue Bentley (Chair)

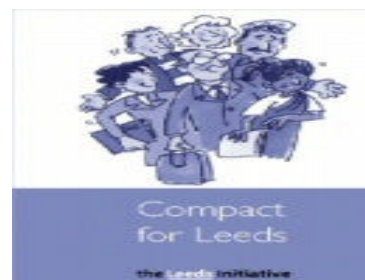
◇ That the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development arrange a seminar in 2009/2010 for members on the aims, benefits and use of Talking Point.

◇ That the Chief Officer, Executive Support considers how best to promote this service amongst officers and the wider community.

◇ That through the VCFS Partnership Group the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods

(a) encourages all signatory partner organisations to undertake a self assessment to monitor awareness and compliance with the "Compact" Codes of Conduct and that this be monitored by the Council from January 2010.

(b) reviews the effectiveness of the "Compact" Codes of Practice in 2009/2010 in the light of changes in the environment and infrastructure, and that the outcome be reported to this Scrutiny Board.



◇ That the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods identifies opportunities and initiatives that will further improve and enhance links with local VCFS organisations to support the delivery of the Area Committee's work in localities and that they be reported to this Scrutiny Board.

"It is becoming increasingly difficult for the VCF Sector to find sources of funding to maintain existing projects."

Ms Louise Megson, Chief Executive, St Luke's Cares

◇ That the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods develops a time-tabled action plan to implement any changes identified in 2009/10 and submit these to Scrutiny Board for consideration.

Our other recommendations continued were:

◇ That the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods supports the VCFS Partnership Group to map the available resource and expertise within the sector to improve the targeting and engagement of "hard to reach" groups.



Scrutiny Board (City & Regional Partnerships)

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Inquiry on University Fees

In July we considered a request for scrutiny from the University of Leeds Student Union concerning their University Fees campaign and the impact students have on the Leeds economy. We established a working group which met with the pro-Vice-Chancellors for the University of Leeds and Leeds Metropolitan University, the City Development department and representatives from the Student Unions. We issued a Statement with the following recommendations:

◇ That local MPs be asked to give their support to the view that there should be adequate funding of Higher Education without removing the cap on fees.

◇ To complement the above recommendation MPs and the Chief Executive of Education Leeds should be asked to support the introduction of a single national bursary system that is easy to understand and access

processes.

◇ That the Director of Children's Services and the Chief Executive of Education Leeds be asked to report back to this Board in April 2009 on what initiatives they are developing to promote greater coordination and cooperation and flexibility between Universities and the Council to help improve the information, advice and guidance provided to our young people, particularly in relation to university application processes and application for financial support.



Student Protest about University Fees

Inquiry into Skills 19 years Plus

The guidance for the new Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) indicates inspectors will explore and expect to see 'how well councils engage with, involve and empower local people to improve their skill levels.

We considered it appropriate that we assess our partnership arrangements in this context and how successful the drivers introduced by the Multi Area Agreement (MAA), Local Area Agreement (LAA) and the review of Further Education (FE) in Leeds would contribute now and in the future to improving skills across the city at all Skill Levels. In particular we wanted to identify what, if any, these new arrangements would have on improving hard to reach young people who have Level 1 skills or less.

Scrutiny Board (Children's Services) is undertaking an inquiry on 14 - 19 year olds and we have restricted our inquiry to 19 years plus but inevitably there has been an overlap between the two.

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Technorth Family Learning Centre



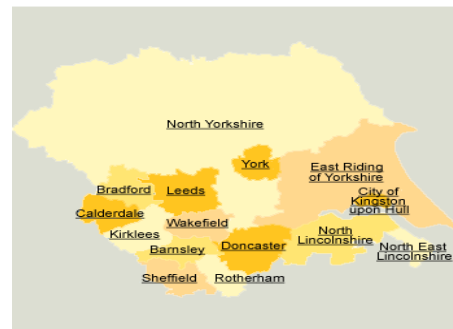
Presentation and Reports

We received during the course of the year a number of wide ranging reports and presentations as part of our monitoring and review role. These included:

- **Regional Governance Arrangements**

We considered information on current regional governance arrangements and details of the proposals and process leading to a Single Integrated Regional Strategy for the region.

The proposals will mean that the Regional Assemblies will cease to exist in their present form and responsibility for producing the new strategy will pass to a revised regional development agency working in conjunction with local authorities and city region and sub regional partnerships as appropriate.



- **Marketing Leeds**

We considered and reviewed the proposed Marketing Leeds Grant Agreement with the Council for 2009/2010.

We also received and commented upon the draft Marketing Leeds Business Plan and Work Plan 2009/2012 which included an activity and events summary proposed to be undertaken by Marketing Leeds in 2009/2010.



- **Leeds Initiative Narrowing the Gap Executive**

We were given an excellent presentation by Steve Williamson, Chair of the Leeds Initiative Narrowing the Gap Executive.

We had a detailed discussion on the challenges and priorities of the Narrowing the Gap Board. We looked at previous achievements and the work programme for 2009/2010.



The Board's full work programme 2008/09

Review of Existing Policy

- ◇ **Regional Governance Arrangements providing an overview of the**
 - Current regional bodies**
 - Future arrangements**
 - Single Integrated Regional Strategy for the region**
- ◇ **Inquiry into Skills 19 plus and the**
 - Local Area Agreement**
 - Multi Area Agreement**
 - Further Education Review**
- ◇ **Request for scrutiny by Leeds University Union concerning University fees**
- ◇ **Marketing Leeds Work Plan and renewal of contract with the Council in 2009/2010**

Development of New Policy

- ◇ **Inquiry into the Role of the Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector (VCFS) in Council Led Community Engagement**
- ◇ **Sustainable Communities Act**

Briefings

- ◇ **Small Businesses Working Group**
- ◇ **Presentation by the Chair of the Leeds Initiative Narrowing the Gap Executive**





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Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (City & Regional Partnerships)

Date: 12th May 2009

Subject: Work Programme, Executive Board Minutes and Forward Plan of Key Decisions

Electoral Wards Affected: All

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 This is the last meeting of the municipal year. Attached as Appendix 1 is the work programme for this Scrutiny Board listing the items for today's meeting. It also identifies those issues identified by Members as areas for Scrutiny but which have not been addressed due to time constraints. Members may wish to refer these matters to the new Board in the next municipal year.

1.2 Also attached as Appendix 2 is the Council's current Forward Plan relating to this Board's portfolio and as Appendix 3 the Executive Board minutes from 1st April to 31st July 2009.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Members are asked to;

- (i) Note the Executive Board minutes and Forward Plan
- (ii) Consider whether any matters in the work programme are to be referred to the new Scrutiny Board.

Background Papers

None used

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Item	Description	Notes	Type of item
Meeting date – 12th May 2009		Postponed April 2009	
Session 6 Inquiry into Skills	The purpose of this Session is to consider the Board’s draft inquiry report and recommendations.	The Board approved terms of reference for this inquiry at its meeting in September following a recommendation from the Skills Working group it established earlier in the year	RP/DP
Annual Report	To approve the Board’s contribution to the Scrutiny Boards Annual Report 2008/09.		

Key:

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RP – Review of existing policy

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MSR – Monitoring scrutiny recommendations

PM – Performance management

B – Briefings (Including potential areas for scrutiny)

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Working Groups			
Working group	Membership	Progress update	Date last meeting
Small Businesses	Councillors Bentley, Atha, Kendal	Information from the working group meeting held on 7 th October 2008 was reported to the Board on the 23 rd October.	7 th October 2008
University Fees	Councillors Bentley, Kendal, J Lewis, Atha and Yeadon	Information from the working group held on the 17 th October 2008 was provided to the Board meeting on 23 rd October and a Statement & recommendations issued.	17 th October 2008
Skills	Councillors Bentley, Driver, Yeadon and J Lewis	Work completed. Terms of Reference approved for an inquiry by the Board on the 25 th September 2008.	22 nd September 2008

Outstanding Issues

The Transport Bill

The relationship between Local Government Yorkshire and Humber, Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber, the RDAs, Yorkshire Forward and the Regional Minister
 Scrutiny Arrangements at a regional level

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LEEDS CITY COUNCIL

FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

For the period 1 April 2009 to 31 July 2009

Appendix 2

Key Decisions	Decision Maker	Expected Date of Decision	Proposed Consultation	Documents to be Considered by Decision Maker	Lead Officer (To whom representations should be made and email address to send representations to)
Membership of Admissions Forum Approval of the constitution of the Admission Forum as required by the new Admissions Code February 2009.	Executive Board (Portfolio: Children's Services)	1/4/09	None	The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting	Chief Executive of Education Leeds viv.buckland@leeds.gov.uk
Horsforth West End Primary School Approval to proceed with a package of fire safety and electrical improvement works at Horsforth West End Primary School	Director of Children's Services	1/4/09	Horsforth West End Primary School	Design and Cost Report	Director of Children's Services tony.palmer@leeds.gov.uk
Sharp Lane Primary School Approval to proceed with a package of fire safety and electrical improvement works at Sharp Lane Primary School, and to incur capital expenditure.	Director of Children's Services	1/4/09	Sharp Lane Primary School	Design and Cost Report	Director of Children's Services tony.palmer@leeds.gov.uk

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<p>The provision of supply of Siebel Development Resource Framework Contract</p> <p>The tender for the above is currently being advertised and we aim to be in position to make a decision and award.</p>	Director of Resources	1/4/09	ICT Strategic Sourcing/Legal	Tender pack/bids	Director of Resources dave.maidment@leeds.gov.uk
<p>Members Improvements in the Community and Environment (MICE) and Ward Based Initiaves (WBI) revised scheme proposals</p> <p>To approve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) revised WBI scheme and authority to spend b) revised members guidance on the MICE scheme 	Executive Board (Portfolio: Central and Corporate)	1/4/09	Legal and Financial consultation	The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting	Chief Officer (Financial Development) maureen.taylor@leeds.gov.uk

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<p>Access Measures for Disabled Pedestrians 2009/10</p> <p>Agree funding for provision of disabled crossing facilities at identified locations. To link disabled people's residences with local facilities. Smaller schemes have been identified to fill gaps in provision to improve accessibility of the highway network.</p>	<p>Director of Resources</p>	<p>1/4/09</p>	<p>Detailed consultation on schemes will be undertaken for each proposal.</p>	<p>Cost and Design Report</p>	<p>Director of Resources andrew.hall@leeds.gov.uk</p>
<p>Principal Case Workers for Child Protection</p> <p>Deleting Principle Case Workers for Child Protection Post to enable the creation of Independent Reviewing Officer Posts.</p>	<p>Director of Children's Services</p>	<p>1/4/09</p>	<p>With officers affected and Trade Union</p>	<p>Officers report accompanying the DDN</p>	<p>Director of Children's Services salem.tariq@leeds.gov.uk</p>

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<p>Fire safety works in schools</p> <p>Approval of a programme of fire safety works in Leeds schools, to commence during the 2009/10 financial year, and the associated authority to incur capital expenditure.</p>	<p>Deputy Director Children's Services (Commissioning & Partnerships)</p>	<p>1/4/09</p>	<p>Schools</p>	<p>Design and Cost Report</p>	<p>Deputy Director Children's Services (Commissioning & Partnerships) tony.palmer@leeds.gov.uk</p>
<p>Request to enter into Supporting People Service Level Agreements (SLA) with LCC Aire Valley Holmes, East North East Homes and West North West Homes for Sheltered Housing Services.</p> <p>Authorisation to enter into a 12+(6) months SLA with LCC Aire Valley Homes, East North East Homes and West North West Homes Sheltered Housing Service without subjecting the service to competition.</p>	<p>Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods</p>	<p>1/4/09</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Report to be presented to the Delegated Decision Panel</p>	<p>Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods neil.evans@leeds.gov.uk</p>

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Phase 3 Children's Centres - Update Update on the locations for Boston Spa and Wetherby Children's Centre	Executive Board (Portfolio: Children's Services)	1/4/09	Education Leeds, Children's Service, Providers and stakeholders city wide	The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting	Chief Officer - Early Years and Youth Service sally.threalfall@leeds.gov.uk

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<p>Employment Arrangements To make changes to various employment terms and conditions that have been identified as sources for financial savings and better customer services. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -charging for city centre car parking permits -revising the Council's Managing Work-Force Change Policy -removing fixed days for extra –statutory holidays to ensure holidays are open on “bank holiday Tuesdays”. This will provide better customer services and make savings on premium payments associated with this. 	Director of Resources	1/4/09	Consultation with trade unions	None.	Director of Resources lorraine.hallam@leeds.gov.uk

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A65 Quality Bus Initiative - Land Acquisition Authority to incur expenditure of up to £2.5 million to acquire lands necessary to construct the A65 QBI Scheme.	Executive Board (Portfolio : Development and Regeneration)	1/4/09	Ongoing Consultation Public Inquiry held in October 2008.	The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting.	Chief Highways Officer paul.russell@leeds.gov.uk
Outcome of the public consultation on options for changes to provision in the Richmond Hill planning area To give permission to publish statutory notices for the linked proposals for changes in provision	Executive Board (Portfolio: Children's Services)	1/4/09	Completed Jan/Feb 09	The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting	Chief Executive of Education Leeds lesley.savage@leeds.gov.uk

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Bankside- Provision of Newly Built School Give approval to incur capital expenditure in relation to the proposed scheme to provide a new build school at Bankside Primary School.	Executive Board (Portfolio: Children's Services)	1/4/09	Consultations will include public meeting with Governors, parents school users and community in attendance, full ward councillor briefing, full consultation with governing body, school users including parents, pupils and community users, and other Council services.	The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting	Chief Executive of Education Leeds

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Publication of Leeds Climate Change Strategy To approve the publication of the Leeds Climate Change Strategy: Vision for Action.	Executive Board (Portfolio: Development and Regeneration)	1/4/09	Significant consultation has already been undertaken as part of strategy development. This includes involvement of circa 100 organisations with development of consultation document. We received over 50 full consultation responses and over 40 individual comments.	The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting	Director of City Development george.munson@leeds.gov.uk
East Moor Secure Children's Centre To decide whether to move to the next stage of constructing a replacement for East Moor following contract negotiations with DCSF and Youth Justice Board	Executive Board (Portfolio: Children's Services)	1/4/09	Extensive consultation with ward members and local community	The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting	Director of Children's Services david.mcdermott@leeds.gov.uk

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<p>Swallow Hill High School - Development of an Annex to the Main School Building in the Wortley High School Building</p> <p>Approval to carry out capital works and incur expenditure in relation to a proposed scheme to develop and annex in the Wortley High School building to manage pupil numbers in the new Swallow Hill Community College from 2009/10.</p>	<p>Executive Board (Portfolio: Children's Services)</p>	<p>1/4/09</p>	<p>West Leeds High School and Wortley High School</p>	<p>The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting</p>	<p>Chief Executive of Education Leeds tony.palmer@leeds.gov.uk</p>
<p>Outcome of the consultation on admissions arrangements 2010/2011</p> <p>A determination of the admission arrangements.</p>	<p>Executive Board (Portfolio: Children's Services)</p>	<p>1/4/09</p>		<p>The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting.</p>	<p>Chief Executive of Education Leeds viv.buckland@leeds.gov.uk</p>

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<p>Morley High School - Construction of a new music block</p> <p>Approval to carry out capital works and incur expenditure in relation to the proposed scheme to construct a new music block at Morley High School</p>	<p>Executive Board (Portfolio: Children's Services)</p>	<p>1/4/09</p>	<p>Morley Primary School</p>	<p>The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting</p>	<p>Chief Executive of Education Leeds tony.palmer@leeds.gov.uk</p>
<p>The Supply of Materials to Property maintenance</p> <p>To award the contract for the supply of materials to Property Maintenance.</p>	<p>Director of Resources</p>	<p>1/4/09</p>		<p>Tender Evaluation Report</p>	<p>Director of Resources iain.dunn@leeds.gov.uk</p>

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<p>Bruntcliffe High School - Construction of New Science Teaching Accommodation</p> <p>Approval to carry out capital works and incur expenditure in relation to the proposed scheme to construct a new extension containing seven science classrooms together with office and storage facilities at Bruntcliffe High School.</p>	<p>Executive Board (Portfolio: Children's Services)</p>	<p>1/4/09</p>	<p>Bruntcliffe Primary School</p>	<p>The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting</p>	<p>Chief Executive of Education Leeds tony.palmer@leeds.gov.uk</p>
<p>Calverley Parkside Primary School - Replacement of Nursery Unit with New Foundation Unit</p> <p>Approval to carry out hospital works and incur expenditure in relation to the proposed scheme to replace the existing school nursery unit with a new foundation unit at Calverley Parkside Primary School</p>	<p>Director of Resources</p>	<p>1/4/09</p>	<p>Calverley Parkside Primary School</p>	<p>Design and Cost Report (to be submitted)</p>	<p>Director of Resources tony.palmer@leeds.gov.uk</p>

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Schools Devolved Formula Capital Budgets 2009/10 Approval to carry out capital works and incur expenditure at Leeds schools, to be funded by Devolved Formula Capital grant	Deputy Director Children's Services (Commissioning & Partnerships)	1/4/09	Schools	Design and Cost Report	Deputy Director Children's Services (Commissioning & Partnerships) tony.palmer@leeds.gov.uk
Schools Capital Investment Partnership 2009/10 Approval to carry out capital works and incur expenditure in respect of the 2009/2010 Schools Capital Investment Partnership Programme	Deputy Director Children's Services (Commissioning & Partnerships)	1/4/09	Schools	Design and Cost Report	Deputy Director Children's Services (Commissioning & Partnerships) tony.palmer@leeds.gov.uk
Great Preston CE Primary School Approval to carry out refurbishment and alteration works at Great Preston CE Primary School, and to incur capital expenditure from the approved capital programme.	Director of Resources	1/4/09	Great Preston CE Primary School	Design and Cost Report	Director of Resources tony.palmer@leeds.gov.uk

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School Partnership Trust - ICT Network Development Approval to carry out capital works and incur expenditure in relation to a proposed scheme to develop an ICT network system by the School Partnership Trust for schools in Garforth and their local community.	Director of Resources	1/4/09	Garforth schools and community	Design and Cost Report (to be submitted)	Director of Resources tony.palmer@leeds.gov.uk
Royal Park Primary School To decline the request from the Royal Park Community Consortium for a six-month delay prior to any decision as to disposal and to seek Members approval to the selection of a purchaser of the property.	Executive Board (Portfolio: Development and Regeneration)	1/4/09	Ward Members	The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting	Director of City Development brian.lawless@leeds.gov.uk
Contract Award To grant the award of Interim Gamblethorpe Landfill Gas Engine Contract	Chief Officer Environmental Services	1/4/09	N/A	Award of interim supply, installation, operation, maintenance, and removal of landfill gas spark ignition engine and generator.	Chief Officer Environmental Services christophero'brian@leeds.gov.uk

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<p>Valuing People Now - Introduction of a national and Local Strategy for people with learning disabilities</p> <p>To approve the local strategy and the requirement to transfer remaining commissioning responsibility from NHS Leeds (Leeds PCT) to the Leeds City Council</p>	<p>Executive Board (Portfolio: Adult Health and Social Care)</p>	<p>1/4/09</p>	<p>None required</p>	<p>The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting</p>	<p>Director of Adult Social Services dennis.holmes@leeds.gov.uk</p>
<p>Voluntary Sector Grants Payment Schedule and Inflationary Uplift 2009/2010</p> <p>The Director of Adult Social Services agree the grant payments to the voluntary sector for 2009/2010</p>	<p>Director of Adult Social Services</p>	<p>2/4/09</p>	<p>Adults Commissioning Board</p>	<p>Report of the Commissioning Manager</p>	<p>Director of Adult Social Services mark.phillott@leeds.gov.uk</p>

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<p>Care and Support Services to 3 Female Asian Adults with Learning Disabilities and Complex Psychological Support Needs</p> <p>To enter into a contract with a support provider for Care and Support Services to 3 Female Asian Adults with Learning Disabilities and Complex Psychological Support Needs following a competitive tendering exercise</p>	Director of Adult Social Services	2/4/09	Adult Commissioning Board	Evaluation and Award Report	Director of Adult Social Services helen.bradshaw@leeds.gov.uk
<p>To award a contract to Methodist Homes</p> <p>Request to waive contract procedure rule 13 in respect of the Moor Allerton Extra Care Housing Scheme (Yew Tree Court) and Dementia Day Care Scheme (Bay Tree Resource Centre)</p>	Director of Adult Social Services	2/4/09	Legal and Procurement	Report to the DASS	Director of Adult Social Services dennis.holmes@leeds.gov.uk

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Learning disabilities staffing review To approve a revised staffing structure for the learning disability service within social care.	Director of Resources, Chief Officer (HR)	2/4/09	Consultation has taken place with staff and their representatives.	Report to the Chief Human Resources Officer including updated job outlines.	Director of Resources paul.broughton@leeds.gov.uk
Award of new contracts for community based respite care services on or around April 1st 2009 with a start date on or around 1st June 2009. The contracts will be for 3 years with 2 further one year extension periods. To place the award of contracts for the provision of Community Based Respite breaks for carers of adults.	Director of Adult Social Services	2/4/09	Existing service users have been consulted about the quality of their services.	A report will be presented to the DASS Delegated decision panel	Director of Adult Social Services timo'shea@leeds.gov.uk
Adaptions 2009/10 To approve release of £400,000 into Capital Programme for expenditure on Adaptations in 2009/10	Director of Adult Social Services	3/4/09	Consultation occurred with all stakeholders	Capital Programme approved by Elected Members on 23rd February 2009	Director of Adult Social Services alison.griffiths@leeds.gov.uk

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Design Cost Report - Youth Capital Fund To give authority to incur expenditure of £429,000 (fully funded by DCSF).	Director of Resources	7/4/09	L£ cash panel of young people	Youth Matters	Director of Resources sally.threfall@leeds.gov.uk
The Supply of Parts to Fleet Services To award the contract for the supply of parts to the Stores Division of Fleet Services at Torre Road	Director of Resources	1/5/09		Tender Evaluation Report	Director of Resources iain.dunn@leeds.gov.uk
City Wide Weedspraying Contract Extension Award a twelve month extension of the contract to the current provider	Acting Chief Recreation Officer	1/5/09	Executive Member for Leisure	Weedspraying Contract Extension Report, Contract Performance Report	Acting Chief Recreation Officer martin.farrington@leeds.gov.uk

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<p>A653 Dewsbury Road Bus Priority Measures, Ring Road Beeston Park Bus Land</p> <p>Permission to construct the scheme, subject to satisfactory funding arrangements being in place on return of tenders. The works are required to provide a quality bus corridor identified in the LTP and are an intrinsic part of the Yorkshire Bus Initiative.</p>	<p>Executive Board (Portfolio: Development and Regeneration)</p>	<p>13/5/09</p>	<p>Initial Member consultation has taken place.</p>	<p>The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting</p>	<p>Director of City Development</p>
<p>Vision for Council Leisure Centres Update</p> <p>To approve the proposals to deliver the Vision for Leisure Centres</p>	<p>Executive Board (Portfolio: Development and Regeneration)</p>	<p>13/5/09</p>	<p>Outcome of consultation was reported at the 3rd December Executive Board</p>	<p>The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting</p>	<p>Director of City Development mark.allman@leeds.gov.uk</p>

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<p>Design Cost Report - Playbuilders Capital Programme To give authority to incur expenditure of £1,000,000 (fully funded by DCSF) to replace and develop 22 play sites across Leeds</p>	<p>Executive Board (Portfolio: Children's Services)</p>	<p>13/5/09</p>	<p>Children's Plan – published December 07 Play Strategy (DCSF) – December 08</p>	<p>The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting</p>	<p>Chief Officer - Early Years and Youth Service sally.threfall@leeds.gov.uk</p>
<p>Proposed Funding Agreement and works to the Woodhouse Lane Multi Storey Car Park Approval to terms in respect of an agreement for funding to support the development of the arena and proposed works to the Woodhouse Lane multi storey car park</p>	<p>Executive Board (Portfolio: Development and Regeneration)</p>	<p>13/5/09</p>	<p>Arena Project Board, Yorkshire Forward</p>	<p>The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting</p>	<p>Director of City Development jean.dent@leeds.gov.uk</p>

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<p>Proposal to add Specialist Community Provision at Whitkirk Primary School for pupils with complex physical difficulties and medical needs Permission from Executive Board to consult on the proposal.</p>	<p>Executive Board (Portfolio: Children's Services)</p>	<p>13/5/09</p>	<p>It is proposed that Whitkirk Primary School serve the east of the city as a specialist resource and make up to 14 places available for children who have complex needs (an average of 2 children per year group).</p>	<p>The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting</p>	<p>Chief Executive of Education Leeds john.chadwick@leeds.gov.uk</p>
<p>Street Design Guide Approval of Supplementary Planning Document</p>	<p>Executive Board (Portfolio: Development and Regeneration)</p>	<p>13/5/09</p>	<p>Already carried out</p>	<p>The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting</p>	<p>Director of City Development</p>

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Leeds BSF Phase 4 Approval of Outline Business Case in respect of Intake High School	Executive Board (Portfolio: Children's Services)	13/5/09	The following groups will be consulted on the OBC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Steering Group • Design User Group • Education Leeds • PPP Unit Management Team • Planning 	The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting	Chief Officer (PPPU) david.outram@leeds.gov.uk
Temple Works Holbeck Leeds To consider proposals for increasing the Art Gallery capacity in Leeds and the future of Temple Works.	Executive Board (Portfolio: Development and Regeneration)	13/5/09	Ward Members and key stakeholders	The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting	Director of City Development jean.dent@leeds.gov.uk

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2 Branch Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To agree the principle of CPO action • To agree the associated budget allocation 	Executive Board (Portfolio: Neighbourhoods and Housing)	13/5/09		The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting	Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods michelle.anderson@leeds.gov.uk
Regeneration of The Garnets Area of Beeston Hill Authorisation of scheme expenditure to the amount of £4m. Authorise officers to commence acquisition of properties by voluntary agreement.	Executive Board (Portfolio: Development and regeneration)	13/5/09	Consultation with residents and stakeholders ongoing, briefing of ward members prior to submission of report	The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting	Director of City Development sue.morse@leeds.gov.uk
Capital Strategy and Asset Management Plan Approval of the Capital Strategy and Asset Management Plan	Executive Board (Portfolio: Development and Regeneration)	13/5/09		The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting	Director of City Development john.ramsden@leeds.gov.uk

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Route 51/51a Bus Stop Accessibility Improvements To obtain authority to spend £715,000 to carry out consultation, design and construct improvements to improve accessibility to the bus stops along route 51/51a.	Executive Board (Portfolio: Development and Regeneration)	13/5/09	Ward Members, Emergency Services, Metro and adjacent properties	The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting	Director of City Development Keith.bristow@leeds.gov.uk
Outcome of consultation on proposed changes to Education Leeds Policy for the provision of 16+ Transport Approval to withdraw 16+ discretionary provision	Executive Board (Portfolio: Children's Services)	13/5/09	23 Feb to 3 April 2009	The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting	Chief Executive of Education Leeds viv.buckland@leeds.gov.uk

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School Calendar 2010 - 2011 To agree the school calendar for community and voluntary controlled schools and SILCS for the academic year 2010/2011	Executive Board (Portfolio: Children's Services)	13/5/09	Headteacher Forum, Governor Forum, TJCC, an online consultation with parents, carers, pupils and employees of schools and Education Leeds (Nov 2008 – February 2009)	The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting	Chief Executive of Education Leeds vicki.white@leeds.gov.uk
A647 Armley High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lane Permission to undertake detailed design and implementation of HOV lane	Executive Board (Portfolio: Development and Regeneration)	17/6/09	Internal, and external consultation with Members, Public, Emergency Services and Metro.	The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting	Director of City Development oliver.priestley@leeds.gov.uk
A639 Arla Landslip To approve expenditure necessary to make the carriageway safe and keep this important link open to traffic.	Executive Board (Portfolio: Development and Regeneration)	17/6/09	N/A	The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting	Director of City Development

Key Decisions	Decision Maker	Expected Date of Decision	Proposed Consultation	Documents to be Considered by Decision Maker	Lead Officer (To whom representations should be made and email address to send representations to)
Treatment of kerbside collected food waste Approval of strategy and business case for procurement of food waste processing capacity	Executive Board (Portfolio: Environmental Services)	22/7/09	Waste Solution Programme Board, Planning, City Development	The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting	Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods andrew.mason@leeds.gov.uk
Proposals for changes to primary provision in the Richmond Hill area Final decision following statutory notice	Executive Board (Portfolio: Children's Services)	22/7/09	n/a	The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting	Chief Executive of Education Leeds lesley.savage@leeds.gov.uk

NOTES

Key decisions are those executive decisions:

- which result in the authority incurring expenditure or making savings over £250,000 per annum, or
- are likely to have a significant effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards

Executive Board Portfolios

Executive Member

Central and Corporate

Councillor Richard Brett

Development and Regeneration

Councillor Andrew Carter

Environmental Services

Councillor Steve Smith

Neighbourhoods and Housing

Councillor John Leslie Carter

Leisure

Councillor John Procter

Children's Services

Councillor Stewart Golton

Learning

Councillor Richard Harker

Adult Health and Social Care

Councillor Peter Harrand

Leader of the Labour Group

Councillor Keith Wakefield

Leader of the Morley Borough
Independent Group

Councillor Robert Finnigan

Advisory Member

Councillor Judith Blake

In cases where Key Decisions to be taken by the Executive Board are not included in the Plan, 5 days notice of the intention to take such decisions will be given by way of the agenda for the Executive Board meeting.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD

WEDNESDAY, 1ST APRIL, 2009

PRESENT: Councillor A Carter in the Chair

Councillors R Brett, J L Carter, R Finnigan,
S Golton, R Harker, P Harrand, J Procter,
and K Wakefield

Councillor J Blake – Non Voting Advisory Member

227 Exclusion of the Public

RESOLVED – That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following parts of the agenda designated exempt 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 public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information so designated as follows:-

- (a) Appendix 2 to the report referred to in minute 243 under the terms of Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4 (1) and (2) and on the grounds that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information because the appendix contains details relating to individuals residing at a Leeds Children's Home, and it is likely that those individuals could be identified from such information.
- (b) The report appended to the covering report referred to in minute 249 under the terms of Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4 (3) and on the grounds that it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of the Council. It is considered not to be in the public interest to disclose this information at this point in time as it could undermine the method of disposal should that come about and affect the integrity of disposing of the property/site. Also it is considered that the release of such information would or would be likely to prejudice the council's commercial interests in relation to this or other similar transactions, in that prospective purchasers of this or other similar properties would have information about the nature and level of consideration which may prove acceptable to the Council. It is considered that whilst there may be a public interest in disclosure, much of this information will be publicly available from the Land Registry following completion of any transaction and consequently the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing this information at this point in time.
- (c) Appendix 1 to the report referred to in minute 252 under the terms of Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4(3) and (5) and on the grounds that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs

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the public interest in disclosure because publication of this information could prejudice the City Council's commercial interests and the City Council's legal interests in maintaining legal professional privilege, during legal proceedings. Sensitive negotiations have already commenced with the private sector to establish liability and hence cost for the procurement of a long term solution to the problem of instability of the A639 embankment. In these circumstances it is considered that the public interest in not disclosing the information outweighs the interests of disclosure.

228 Declaration of Interests

Councillors A Carter, J L Carter, Finnigan, Golton, Harker, Harrand, Wakefield and Blake declared personal interests in the item relating to the revised membership of the Admission Forum (minute 238), and the item relating to the annual consultation on admission arrangements for September 2010 (minute 239) due to their respective positions as school governors.

Councillor Blake declared a personal interest in the item relating to the introduction of the 'Valuing People Now' strategy (minute 246), due to being a member of Leeds NHS Primary Care Trust.

229 Minutes

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 4th March 2009 be approved, subject to the addition of the following at the end of minute 225, as was detailed within the exempt appendix to the report:

- “(h) That approval be given to the affordability ceiling for the Chapeltown and Harehills Project as shown in table 1 of the exempt appendix, with an affordability deficit of £396,000 to be funded by the Council in the first year of operations (2011/12); and
- (i) That the affordability ceiling for the Kirkstall Joint Service Centre be approved at a maximum deficit of £245,000 in the first full year of operations (2012/13).”

230 Matters Arising

Machinery of Government Changes and 14-19 Commissioning Arrangements: Leeds/Sub-Regional Proposals (minute 218)

In response to enquiries, the Chair indicated that the matter of obtaining greater Elected Member representation on the 14-19 Strategy Group would be pursued.

NEIGHBOURHOODS AND HOUSING

231 Lease at Less than Best Consideration - Agreement to Lease 28 Miscellaneous Properties to GIPSIL and Leeds Housing Concern on a 25 Year Lease Agreement

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report presenting a proposal to grant a long lease at less than best consideration for

28 miscellaneous Council owned properties to GIPSIL and Leeds Housing Concern (LHC).

RESOLVED – That the report be withdrawn, with a further report being submitted to the Board following a consultation exercise being undertaken on this matter with local Ward Members.

LEISURE

232 Deputation to Council - Kippax Amateur Swimming Club regarding the Potential Closure of Kippax Leisure Centre

The Director of City Development submitted a report in response to the deputation to Council from Kippax Amateur Swimming Club on 28th January 2009.

RESOLVED – That a substantive response to the deputation be incorporated into the comprehensive report on the Council's draft vision for leisure centres which is currently scheduled to be submitted to Executive Board in May 2009.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

233 Garden Waste Collection Scheme

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report regarding the proposed purchase of wheeled bins as part of the city-wide roll out of the Garden Waste Collection scheme.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That approval be given to an injection of £975,000 into scheme 14261 and that authority be given to incur expenditure of £2,877,000 on this project;
- (b) That a further report be submitted to a future meeting of the Board providing details of the overall waste collection service throughout Leeds.

234 Scrutiny Board (Environment and Neighbourhoods) Statement on the Enforcement of Dog Fouling

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report presenting the proposed responses to the recommendations of the Scrutiny Board (Environment and Neighbourhoods) following the publication of a statement by the Scrutiny Board in February 2009 on the enforcement of dog fouling.

RESOLVED – That the proposed responses to the recommendations of the Scrutiny Board (Environment and Neighbourhoods), as detailed within the submitted report, be approved.

NEIGHBOURHOODS AND HOUSING

235 Leeds Prevent Programme

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A report was submitted by the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods outlining the strategic context to the current national focus on Preventing Violent Extremism which was referred to as 'Prevent', and providing an update on the development of the approach to such work in Leeds.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the progress which has been made on the Leeds Prevent programme be noted;
- (b) That the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods and Housing be nominated to represent the city at the initial meeting convened by the Local Government Association to discuss the Prevent Elected Member Engagement programme;
- (c) That the Chief Executive be requested to write to both the Editor and the Managing Director of the Yorkshire Post newspaper on behalf of the Council, expressing the disappointment felt in relation to the coverage that a recent event promoting the safeguarding of children and young people had received in that publication.

236 Council Rents 2009/2010

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report outlining proposals for amending Council rents for the period 2009/2010, and advising of the implications that such amendments would have on the 2009/10 Housing Revenue Account budget and housing subsidy grant. The proposals had arisen in response to the government's recent revision to the national guideline for rent increases.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the full cash change in housing subsidy be passed onto tenants and matched by the change in the average rent for 2009/10;
- (b) That in light of the timescales, the decision on the new rent change be delegated to the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods, in consultation with the relevant Executive Member, with a further report being submitted to Executive Board on 13th May 2009 which details the costs incurred by the implementation of this change.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

237 Deputation to Council - 'Leeds Schools Together' Opposing Proposals for Academies in Leeds

The Chief Executive of Education Leeds submitted a report in response to the deputation to Council from the 'Leeds Schools Together' organisation on 28th January 2009.

RESOLVED – That the following be noted:

- (a) The issues presented through the deputation were similar to those raised during the consultations on the future of South Leeds and Intake High Schools and had been presented in detail to the December Executive Board meeting;

- (b) When making decisions on the future of these schools, the Executive Board were already aware of the concerns expressed in the deputation.

238 Revised Membership of the Admission Forum in the New School Admissions Code

A report was submitted by the Chief Executive of Education Leeds on the main provisions of the revised Code of Practice on Admissions and the regulations governing the establishment and core membership of a mandatory Admission Forum.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the report be noted;
- (b) That the core membership of the Admission Forum, as proposed at paragraph 3.3 of the submitted report be noted, with the Chief Executive being requested to write to the Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families on behalf of all Group Leaders expressing concern and seeking a review in relation to the revisions to Local Authority representation on the Admission Forum, as detailed within the new School Admissions Code.

239 Annual Consultation on Admissions Arrangements for September 2010

The Chief Executive of Education Leeds submitted a report outlining the proposed admission numbers, the Local Authority admission policy in addition to the admission arrangements for September 2010.

RESOLVED – That the following proposals be approved for implementation in the 2010 admission round:

- (a) Giving a higher priority to children with a high level of need, but for whom a statement has not been sought;
- (b) Prioritising Looked after Children and those recently adopted;
- (c) Formalising the acceptance of an offered place;
- (d) Variation to the late applications process;
- (e) Changes to school admission numbers:-

Brownhill Primary	45 to 60
Whitkirk Primary	45 to 60
Mill Field Primary	30 to 45
Moor Allerton Hall Primary	45 to 60
Deighton Gates Primary	60 to 30
Calverley C/E Primary	40 to 45
Bruntcliffe High	270 to 240

240 Children's Services Improvement Projects

The Director of Children's Services and Chief Executive of Education Leeds submitted a joint report outlining proposals relating to five major children's services improvement projects. The report detailed how such projects would impact upon a range of issues including regeneration, the city's economy, investment, employment and helping to deliver improved outcomes for children and young people in Leeds.

RESOLVED – That the contents of the overview report be noted.

(Minutes 240(a) to 240(e) refer respectively to each specific project).

- (a) Swallow Hill Community College – Annexe Design and Cost Report
The Chief Executive of Education Leeds submitted a report on proposals to undertake works in respect of the Swallow Hill Community college annexe, which included the purchase of new ICT equipment and providing network connectivity to the College.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the ICT infra-structure and refurbishment investment proposals be approved with the refurbishment element being delivered through the Local Education Partnership, and that authority be given to proceed with the purchase and implementation of the new ICT equipment;
- (b) That authority be given to incur expenditure of £612,600 on new technology which will initially be used at the temporary annexe site before transferring to Swallow Hill, and that authority be given to incur further expenditure of £302,000 from the approved capital programme on refurbishment costs.
- (b) Morley High School – New Music Block
The Chief Executive of Education Leeds submitted a report on proposals to provide a new music block at Morley High School.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the design proposals in respect of the scheme to construct a new music teaching block at Morley High School at an estimated total cost of £1,000,000 be approved;
- (b) That authorisation be given to incur expenditure of £800,000 from capital scheme 14861/PH1/MOR.
- (c) Bruntcliffe High School – New Science Block
A report was submitted by the Chief Executive of Education Leeds on proposals to provide a new science block at Bruntcliffe High School.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the design proposals in respect of the scheme to construct a new science teaching block at Bruntcliffe High School at an estimated total cost of £1,600,000 be approved;
- (b) That authority be given to incur expenditure of £1,400,000 from capital scheme 14861/PH1/BRU.
- (d) Bankside Primary School – Construction of New School Accommodation
Further to minute 39, 16th July 2008, the Chief Executive of Education Leeds submitted a report detailing a proposal to demolish the existing 2 form entry Bankside Primary School building, and rebuild in a 3 form entry format.

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RESOLVED –

- (a) That the content of the report be noted;
 - (b) That the scheme proposals to rebuild of Bankside Primary School, as described in section 3 of the submitted report, be approved;
 - (c) That authority be given to incur capital expenditure of £9,018,900 in respect of construction costs and fees.
- (e) South Leeds Integrated Youth Centre
Further to minute 184, 8th February 2008, the Head of Integrated Youth Support Service submitted a report on proposals to build an integrated high quality youth centre for the benefit of young people from South Leeds on the site of the former Merlyn Rees High School.

RESOLVED – That authority be given to spend £4,979,376 of 'myplace grant funding' to facilitate the establishment of South Leeds Integrated Youth Centre.

- 241 Proposals for Changes to Primary Provision in the Richmond Hill Area**
Further to minute 148, 3rd December 2008, the Chief Executive of Education Leeds submitted a report advising of the outcomes from the consultation exercise undertaken on the linked proposals to expand Richmond Hill Primary School by one form of entry, add new community specialist provision for children with special educational needs (SEN), and close neighbouring Mount St Mary's Catholic Primary School.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to publish a statutory notice on the linked proposals enlarge Richmond Hill Primary School by one form of entry, establish community resourced provision for children with a statement of special educational needs at the new Richmond Hill Primary School and close Mount St Mary's Catholic Primary School.

- 242 Update on the Locations for Boston Spa and Wetherby Children's Centres**
Further to minute 174, 14th January 2009, the Acting Chief Officer for Early Years and Integrated Youth Support Service submitted a report providing an update on the proposed location of Wetherby Children's centre scheduled to be built by April 2010 and notifying a possible change to the exact location of Boston Spa Children's centre on the site of Deepdale Community Centre.

RESOLVED – That the location of Wetherby Children's Centre on the site of Wetherby High School be approved, and that the possible revised siting of Boston Spa Children's Centre within the site of Deepdale Community Centre be noted.

- 243 Children's Services Update: JAR and APA Progress and Safeguarding Activity**
The Director of Children's Services submitted a report providing an update on the progress made against the recommendations from the Joint Area Review

Inspection of Children's Services, an update on the progress made against the 'areas for development' identified through the Annual Performance Assessment of Children's Services, summarising the work undertaken to date in 2009 to review the safeguarding of children and young people in Leeds and outlining the next steps to strengthen practice in this area.

Following consideration of appendix 2 to the report designated as exempt under Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4(1) and (2) which was considered in private at the conclusion of the meeting it was

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the progress made against the Joint Area Review Action Plan and Annual Performance Assessment 'areas for development' be noted along with the actions which are currently underway and those which are proposed to strengthen performance against safeguarding priorities;
- (b) That a report relating to confederations with respect to 14-19 provision, and a report relating to the educational attainment levels of Looked after Children be submitted to the Board for consideration.

244 Response to the Children's Services Scrutiny Board Inquiry into the Multi-Agency Support Team

The Director of Children's Services submitted a report presenting the proposed responses to the recommendations of the Scrutiny Board (Children's Services) following the Board's inquiry into the Multi-Agency Support Team (MAST). The report also detailed how the Director of Children's Services proposed to respond to the recommendations.

RESOLVED – That the proposed responses to the Scrutiny Board (Children's Services) recommendations, as detailed within the submitted report, be approved.

ADULT HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

245 Deputation to Council - Social Service Users Regarding Adult Social Care Management

The Director of Adult Social Services submitted a report in response to the deputation to Council from representatives of Social Services users on 28th January 2009.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the progress made in relation to implementing the measures described in the 'Putting People First' publication, in addition to the development of personalised services be noted;
- (b) That the full engagement process of a wide number of stakeholders in developing the service changes be noted;
- (c) That the ongoing review of information and support for individuals affected by the service changes made, including the plan to commission a range of appropriate support services, be noted;

- (d) That the intention to submit further reports on the progress made to the Executive Board in May and October 2009 be noted;
- (e) That the engagement with the Member Task Group and Scrutiny Board as part of the process to develop the Local Authority's response to the current challenges which exist in this field be noted.

246 Valuing People Now - Introduction of a National and Local Strategy for People with Learning Disabilities

The Director of Adult Social Services submitted a report advising of the recent publication of the 'Valuing People Now' document, a national 3 year strategy for people with learning disabilities. The report also provided an update on the development of a learning disability strategy and action plan for Leeds.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the publication of the latest 'Valuing People Now' documents and the wide ranging proposals they make in relation to improving the lives of people with learning disabilities be noted;
- (b) That the implications for the Council, particularly in relation to the requirements for all organisations to meet the requirements of 'Valuing People Now' be noted;
- (c) That the Leeds Learning Disability Strategy 'Putting People at the Centre', and the Overview Action Plan be approved as the local mechanism to support the local delivery of the requirements associated with Valuing People Now;
- (d) That a further report be submitted to a future meeting of the Board providing information relating to the agreements reached on the requirement to transfer remaining commissioning responsibility from NHS Leeds (Leeds PCT) to Leeds City Council from the commencement of the 2009/10 financial year in the terms set out within section 6 of the submitted report for the continuing greater benefit of people with learning disabilities.

CENTRAL AND CORPORATE

247 Progress Report on PPP/PFI Programme in Leeds

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report providing an update on the Council's current portfolio of PPP/PFI projects and programmes, highlighting the planned key activities of the projects and identifying any potential challenges arising from them. The report also began to address the employment opportunities which would be created as a consequence of the investment programme, commencing with the new Holt Park Well Being Centre.

RESOLVED – That the current status of the Council's portfolio of PPP/PFI projects and programmes be noted.

248 Members' Improvements in the Community and Environment and Ward Based Initiative Schemes

The Director of Resources submitted a report outlining proposals to update the Ward Based Initiative (WBI) scheme and the guidance on the Members Improvements in the Community and Environment (MICE) scheme.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the revised eligibility criteria for WBI schemes, as outlined in paragraph 3.2 of the submitted report, be approved;
- (b) That authority be given to incur expenditure of £330,000 on the WBI scheme, subject to approvals in line with procedures set out in the Guidance Notes as detailed at Appendix A to the submitted report;
- (c) That the changes to the MICE scheme application process as detailed in paragraph 4.6 of the submitted report, be approved.

DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION

249 Deputation to Council - Six Local Associations and Action Groups with regard to the future of the West Park Centre

The Director of City Development submitted a report in response to the deputation to Council from six local associations and action groups on 28th January 2009.

The following options which related to the future of the West Park Centre were detailed within the report. It was noted that in accordance with the resolution of Full Council on 28th January 2009, whichever option was pursued, constructive discussions would be undertaken with all local Ward Members, with a view to keeping facilities for Youth and Community Work on site:

- (i) The Council retain and refurbish all of the current buildings at the Centre;
- (ii) The Council retain and refurbish some of the buildings at the Centre, or consider limited new build, whilst seeking to dispose of the balance of the developable part of the site;
- (iii) To close the Centre and to seek to dispose of the whole of the developable part of the site;
- (iv) To investigate the potential and advisability of transferring the ownership of all of the Centre to the local community;
- (v) To investigate the potential and advisability of transferring the ownership of some of the Centre to the local community or other partnership, and to seek to dispose of the balance of the developable part of the site.

Following consideration of the report appended to the covering report designated as exempt under Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4(3) which was considered in private at the conclusion of the meeting it was

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the issues raised in the deputation to Council and the responses provided be noted;
- (b) That the resolution of the Full Council meeting held on 28th January 2009 regarding the West Park Centre be noted;

- (c) That the conclusions of the submitted report be noted and that officers be instructed to undertake, as a matter of priority, consultation with the user groups and the community organisations in order to determine how their needs can best be met;
- (d) That officers be instructed to explore the options detailed at paragraph 4.2 of the report, and to report back to the Board in six months time with the results of the consultation and the options appraisal.

250 A65 Quality Bus Initiative - Land Acquisition

The Director of City Development submitted a report regarding the previously approved acquisition of land which was not in the City Council's ownership, in order to progress the A65 Quality Bus Initiative.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to incur expenditure of up to £2,500,000 from the Local Transport Integrated Transport scheme for the acquisition of third party lands necessary for the implementation of the A65 Quality Bus Initiative.

(The matter referred to in this minute was not eligible for Call In on the basis that authorisation to incur expenditure in order to acquire land for this scheme was a necessary consequence of the decision taken by Executive Board on 4th April 2007).

251 Climate Change Strategy

A report was submitted by the Director of City Development providing Executive Board with an opportunity to comment upon the 'Leeds Climate Change Strategy: Vision for Action', prior to its submission to Full Council for formal approval.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the 'Leeds Climate Change Strategy: Vision for Action' be agreed prior to its submission to Full Council for formal approval;
- (b) That a further report be submitted to the Board outlining the actions which have been undertaken and are proposed to be undertaken in the future in order to meet the aims set out within the strategy.

252 A639 Stourton Landslip

The Director of City Development submitted a report on proposals to develop potential options to rectify a stability problem on the A639, near Leeds Valley Park roundabout resulting from a landslip.

Following consideration of Appendix 1 to the report designed as exempt under Access to Information procedure Rule 10.4(3) and (5) which was considered in private at the conclusion of the meeting it was

RESOLVED – That authority be given to incur additional expenditure of £245,000 to enable the continuation of design options for a solution to the problems on the A639 in the vicinity of the Leeds Valley Park Roundabout

resulting from a landslip which will be funded from Contingency Scheme No 01371 within the approved Capital Programme.

253 City Development Scrutiny Inquiry into Residents' Parking Schemes

The Chief Environmental Services Officer and the Director of City Development submitted a joint report presenting the proposed response to the recommendations of the Scrutiny Board (City Development) following the Board's inquiry into Resident Permit Parking Schemes (RPPS).

RESOLVED – That the response of the Director of City Development and the Chief Environmental Services Officer to the recommendations of the Scrutiny Board (City Development) be noted and that, for the reasons now stated, no action be taken by officers to implement these recommendations.

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LAST DATE FOR CALL IN: 14TH APRIL 2009 (5.00 pm)

(Scrutiny Support will notify Directors of any items called in by 12.00 noon on 15th April 2009).