

SCRUTINY BOARD (CHILDREN'S SERVICES)

Meeting to be held in Civic Hall, Leeds on
Thursday, 11th June, 2009 at 9.45 am

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

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors

- B Cleasby - Horsforth;
- J Dowson - Chapel Allerton;
- G Driver - Middleton Park;
- R D Feldman - Alwoodley;
- B Gettings - Morley North;
- W Hyde (Chair) - Temple Newsam;
- G Kirkland - Otley and Yeadon;
- B Lancaster - Moortown;
- K Renshaw - Ardsley and Robin Hood;
- B Selby - Killingbeck and Seacroft;
- E Taylor - Chapel Allerton;

Co-opted Members (Voting) *

- * Mr E A Britten - Church Representative (Catholic)
- * Prof P H J H Gosden - Church Representative (Church of England)
- Mr B Wanyonyi - Parent Governor Representative (Secondary)
- Mr I Falkingham - Parent Governor Representative (Special)
- Mrs S Knights - Parent Governor Representative (Primary)

Co-opted Members (Non-Voting) *

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

* Subject to confirmation by the Scrutiny Board – please refer to agenda item 7.

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A G E N D A

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

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3			<p>LATE ITEMS</p> <p>To identify items which have been admitted to the agenda by the Chair for consideration.</p> <p>(The special circumstance shall be specified in the minutes.)</p>	
4			<p>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</p> <p>To declare any personal/prejudicial interests for the purpose of Section 81(3) of the Local Government Act 2000 and paragraphs 8 to 12 of the Members' Code of Conduct.</p>	
5			<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>To receive any apologies for absence.</p>	
6			<p>MINUTES - 7TH MAY 2009</p> <p>To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 7th May 2009.</p>	1 - 6
7			<p>APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED MEMBERS</p> <p>To receive and consider a report from the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development which seeks Members' approval of co-options to the Scrutiny Board.</p>	7 - 10
8			<p>CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS</p> <p>To receive and consider a report from the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development on recent amendments to the Council's Constitution, as agreed by Council on 21 May 2009, which directly relate to and/or impact on the work of the Scrutiny Board.</p>	11 - 32

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9			<p>INPUT TO THE WORK PROGRAMME 2009/10 - SOURCES OF WORK AND ESTABLISHING THE BOARD'S PRIORITIES</p> <p>(a) To hear from the Director of Children's Services and Executive Board Member with portfolio responsibility for Children's Services on current issues, and to ask questions;</p> <p>(b) To consider the attached report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development providing information to assist the Board to develop its work programme for 2009/10.</p>	33 - 56
10			<p>CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE REFERRAL</p> <p>To receive and consider a report from the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development which invites the Board to consider a referral for Scrutiny received from the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee regarding their concerns following the outcomes of the annual audit and inspection letter 2007/2008 for Leeds City Council relating to Children and Young People.</p>	57 - 86
11			<p>KPMG - SCRUTINY REVIEW - MAY 2009</p> <p>To receive and consider a report from the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development which presents the findings of the recent KPMG external audit review of the Scrutiny function in Leeds.</p>	87 - 126
12			<p>EXECUTIVE BOARD REFERRAL</p> <p>To receive and consider a report from the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development which invites the Board to consider a referral for Scrutiny received from the Executive Board on the role of the voluntary, community and faith sector (VCFS) in council led community engagement.</p>	127 - 170

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13			<p>DETERMINING THE WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2009/10</p> <p>To consider the Board's formal conclusions and recommendations arising from consideration of agenda item 9, Input to the Work Programme 2009/10.</p>	171 - 180
14			<p>DRAFT REPORT - EDUCATION STANDARDS - ENTERING THE EDUCATION SYSTEM</p> <p>To receive and consider a report from the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development which presents the draft report of the Board's inquiry on young children entering the formal education system for the first time.</p>	181 - 202
15			<p>DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS</p> <p>To note the following proposed dates of future meetings:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 11th June, 2009 • Thursday 9th July, 2009 • Thursday 17th September, 2009 • Thursday 15th October, 2009 • Thursday 12th November, 2009 • Thursday 10th December, 2009 • Thursday 28th January, 2010 • Thursday 25th February, 2010 • Thursday 25th March, 2010 • Thursday 22nd April, 2010. 	