

SCRUTINY BOARD (CHILDREN AND FAMILIES)

Meeting to be held in Civic Hall, Leeds, LS1 1UR on
Thursday, 13th December, 2012 at 9.45 am

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

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors

J Chapman (Chair) - Weetwood;
B Gettings - Morley North;
C Gruen - Bramley and Stanningley;
A Hussain - Gipton and Harehills;

A Khan - Burmantofts and Richmond
Hill;
A Lamb - Wetherby;
P Latty - Guiseley and Rawdon;
M Rafique - Chapel Allerton;
K Renshaw - Ardsley and Robin Hood;
A Sobel - Moortown;
B Urry - Roundhay;

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Co-opted Members (Voting)

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| Mr E A Britten | - Church Representative (Catholic) |
| Vacancy | - Church Representative (Church of England) |
| Ms A Craven | - Parent Governor Representative (Primary) |
| Ms J Ward | - Parent Governor Representative (Secondary) |
| Ms N Cox | - Parent Governor Representative (Special) |

Co-opted Members (Non-Voting)

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| Ms C Foote | - Teacher Representative |
| Ms C Raftery | - Teacher Representative |
| Mrs S Hutchinson | - Early Years Representative |
| Ms T Kayani | - Leeds Youth Work Partnership Representative |
| Ms J Morris-Boam | - Young Lives Leeds |

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 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 Head of Governance Services 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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LATE ITEMS

To identify items which have been admitted to the agenda by the Chair for consideration.

(The special circumstances shall be specified in the minutes.)

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DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

To disclose or draw attention to any disclosable pecuniary interests for the purposes of Section 31 of the Localism Act 2011 and paragraphs 13-18 of the Members' Code of Conduct. Also to declare any other significant interests which the Member wishes to declare in the public interest, in accordance with paragraphs 19-20 of the Members' Code of Conduct.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTES

To receive any apologies for absence and notification of substitutes.

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MINUTES - 8TH NOVEMBER 2012

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To confirm as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 8th November 2012 .

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THE IMPLICATIONS OF ACADEMIES FOR THE LOCAL AUTHORITY AND EDUCATION IN GENERAL

9 - 20

To receive and consider the reports of the Director of Children's Services which provides information on the impact of academy developments upon the work of the Local Authority and education in general.

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FINANCIAL HEALTH AND BUDGET PROPOSALS 2013/14 - CHILDREN'S SERVICES

21 - 82

To receive and consider a report from the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development and appended financial reports which details Initial Budget Proposals for 2013/14, Budget Update Month 7 and School Funding Reforms 2013/14.

9		QUARTER 2 PERFORMANCE REPORT 2012/13	83 - 102
		To receive and consider the joint report of Report of Assistant Chief Executive (Customer Access and Performance) / Director of Children's Services which provides a summary of performance against the strategic priorities for the council relevant to the Children and Families Scrutiny Board.	
10		CHILDREN'S SOCIAL WORK: IMPROVEMENT PLAN	103 - 146
		To receive and consider the report of the Director of Children's Services which provides an overview of progress in Leeds over the past year and a summary of recent audit and quality assurance activity.	
		(Appendix B – to follow and will be issued as late supplementary information)	
11		RECOMMENDATION TRACKING - EXTERNAL PLACEMENTS	147 - 156
		To receive and consider a report from the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development which sets out the progress made in responding to the recommendations arising from the previous Scrutiny review of External Placements published on the 28 th of February 2012.	
12		RECOMMENDATION TRACKING - IMPROVING SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	157 - 172
		To receive and consider a report form the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development which sets out the progress made in responding to the recommendations arising from the previous Scrutiny review in Improving School Attendance published on the 26 th of April 2012.	
13		WORK SCHEDULE	173 - 208
		To receive and consider a report from the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development outlining the Scrutiny Board's work schedule for the remainder of the current municipal year.	
14		DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING	
		09.45am, Thursday 17 th January 2013.	

