



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Children's Services)

Date: 13 July 2006

Subject: Adoption in Leeds

Electoral Wards Affected:

Specific Implications For:

Ethnic minorities

Women

Disabled people

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 At the board's first meeting in June, members agreed to carry out an inquiry into adoption in Leeds as one of their major pieces of work this year.
- 1.2 The board appointed a small working group to draft terms of reference for the inquiry.
- 1.3 The working group met with the Social Services Resources Team Manager (Children) on 30 June to discuss the potential scope for the inquiry.
- 1.4 Following the working group's meeting, the draft terms of reference are currently subject to consultation with working group members. The final draft will be circulated prior to the board meeting.

2.0 Views of the director and executive member

- 2.1 The Scrutiny Board Procedure Rules Guidance Notes also require that, before embarking on an inquiry, the board seeks and considers the views of the relevant director and executive member. These views will be incorporated into the draft terms of reference.

3.0 Recommendation

- 3.1 The board is requested to agree the terms of reference for the inquiry.