



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Children's Services)

Date: 13 March 2008

Subject: Young People's Scrutiny Forum – Scope of Inquiry

Electoral Wards Affected:

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 To update Members on progress with the Young People's Scrutiny Forum inquiry.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 Building on the success of the last two years, Scrutiny Board (Children's Services) decided at its June meeting to approach the Youth Council to suggest a further topic for scrutiny by the Young People's Scrutiny Forum.

2.2 Following elections in October 2007, the full Youth Council meeting on 15th December decided upon the environment as its priority issue for the Young People's Scrutiny Forum's next inquiry.

2.3 The forum will operate under the same rules and procedures as any other scrutiny board, combined with good practice with regard to youth work and youth participation. An officer from the scrutiny support unit will provide the Young People's Scrutiny Forum with support and professional advice; professional youth workers from the Youth Council and ROAR will provide the youth work expertise.

2.4 11 young people from the Youth Council and ROAR met on 23 February to scope the inquiry. The session included input from Education Leeds regarding the sustainable schools agenda.

- 2.5 The young people decided to focus their inquiry on waste management, sustainable building and education.
- 2.6 Following consultation with the young people who attended the session, the draft terms of reference will be brought to the next Board meeting to be endorsed by the Board.

3.0 Recommendation

- 3.1 Members are requested to note the scope for the Young People's Scrutiny Forum environment inquiry.