Report of Head of Governance and Scrutiny Support

Report to Scrutiny Board (Children and Families)

Date: 12th June 2019

Subject: Scrutiny Inquiry ‘Is Leeds a Child Friendly City?’ - draft report

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Summary of main issues

1. At its initial meeting in June 2018, the Scrutiny Board agreed to adopt a thematic approach this year and undertake an inquiry based on the question ‘Is Leeds a child friendly city?’ seven years on from the introduction of Child Friendly Leeds.

2. The Board agreed to theme its inquiry sessions around the five outcomes set out within the Leeds Children and Young People’s Plan (CYPP), with particular consideration given to how much the Council and partners have progressed towards delivering each outcome in relation to the following cohorts:

   - All children
   - Vulnerable Children
   - Looked After Children

3. This inquiry has now concluded and the Board is in a position to report on its findings and recommendations resulting from the evidence gathered. The Board’s draft report will therefore be made available in readiness for today’s meeting when Board Members will be asked to formally consider and agree its report.

4. Scrutiny Board Procedure Rule 52 states that “where a Scrutiny Board is considering making specific recommendations it shall invite advice from the appropriate Director(s) 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 reported to the Scrutiny Board and considered before the report is finalised”.

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5. Once the Board publishes its final report, the appropriate Director(s) will be asked to formally respond to the Scrutiny Board’s recommendations.

**Recommendation**

6. Members are asked to consider and agree the Board’s report following its recent inquiry.

**Background documents¹**

7. None

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council’s website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.