



Report of Head of Governance and Scrutiny Support

Report to Scrutiny Board (Children and Families)

Date: 3rd July 2019

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

Are specific electoral wards affected? If yes, name(s) of ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Has consultation been carried out?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Will the decision be open for call-in?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, access to information procedure rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

1. Purpose of this report

1.1 Following its recent inquiry, the Board is in a position to report on its findings and recommendations resulting from the evidence gathered. The Board's draft inquiry report will therefore be considered during today's meeting for formal approval.

2. Background information

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

2.2 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. Main issues

3.1 The Board's 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.

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

4. Corporate considerations

4.1 Consultation and engagement

- 4.1.1 Details of those engaged in the Scrutiny Board's inquiry are set out within the inquiry report.
- 4.1.2 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".

4.2 Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration

- 4.2.1 Equality and diversity issues have been considered throughout this scrutiny inquiry and the individual, organisation or group responsible for implementation or delivery of the recommendations arising from this inquiry should also give due regard to equality and diversity and where appropriate, an equality impact assessment will be carried out.

4.3 Council policies and the Best Council Plan

- 4.3.1 As well as being defined as one of the 'Best City' priorities, the child-friendly city aspiration remains visible throughout the Best Council Plan in recognition of the fact that realising this aspiration will require progress across all the Best Council Plan priorities, with renewed action to integrate policy initiatives. Alongside the Children and Young People's Plan, the city's Inclusive Growth and Health and Wellbeing Strategies are also key drivers for improving outcomes for children and young people.

Climate Emergency

- 4.3.2 Any climate emergency implications relevant to the Board's inquiry will be reflected within the draft inquiry report.

4.4 Resources, procurement and value for money

- 4.4.1 Any resource implications relevant to the Board's inquiry will be reflected within the draft inquiry report.

4.5 Legal implications, access to information, and call-in

- 4.5.1 The draft inquiry report reflects the Scrutiny Board's findings and conclusions resulting from the evidence gathered. It is not eligible for Call-In.

4.6 Risk management

4.6.1 This section is not relevant to this report.

5. Conclusions

5.1 Last year, the Board agreed to adopt a thematic approach and undertake an inquiry based on the question 'Is Leeds a child friendly city?' seven years on from the introduction of Child Friendly Leeds. The Board is in a position to report on its findings and recommendations resulting from the evidence gathered. The Board's draft inquiry report will therefore be considered during today's meeting for formal approval.

6. Recommendations

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

7. Background documents¹

7.1 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.