



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Children's Services)

Date: 17 July 2008

Subject: Inclusion Statement - Formal Response

Electoral Wards Affected:

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

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Community Cohesion

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Narrowing the Gap

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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 During 2007/2008, the Scrutiny Board (Children's Services) set up a working group on inclusion. The board issued a statement setting out its conclusions and recommendations in April 2008.
- 1.2 It is the normal practice to request a formal response from departments to the board's recommendations, once a statement has been issued.
- 1.3 A formal response to the statement has now been received. This is attached as appendix 1.
- 1.4 Members are asked to consider the responses provided, and to decide whether any further scrutiny involvement is required.
- 1.5 Any recommendations which have not yet been completed will be included in future quarterly recommendation tracking reports to enable the Board to continue to monitor progress.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 Members are asked to consider the responses provided and to decide whether further scrutiny involvement is required.