



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Children's Services)

Date: 7 September 2006

Subject: Adoption in Leeds – Inquiry Session Two

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 which were agreed at the board's July meeting.
- 1.3 The first and second formal sessions of the inquiry were scheduled for this meeting. The second session focuses on providing specific information about the adoption service in Leeds. Attached at Appendix 1 is a report which outlines the information requested from the Social Services department for this session
- 1.4 In addition, background information on the work of the regional consortium is provided at Appendix 2.
- 1.5 Social Services staff involved in adoption and post adoption support will be at the meeting to present the information and respond to members' questions and comments. In addition, the regional consortium's administrator will be in attendance to discuss the role it plays in the adoption process.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 The board is requested to consider the issues raised by the second session of this inquiry.