



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Children's Services)

Date: 7 September 2006

Subject: Youth Services

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 youth services 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. The working group met with the Head of Youth Service on 27th July to discuss the potential scope for the inquiry.
- 1.3 The draft of the terms of reference have been attached for members' consideration.
- 1.4 In order to manage the board's work programme effectively, without unnecessarily delaying this inquiry, it is proposed that an additional meeting of the board be scheduled for Thursday 2 November, to accommodate the first two sessions of the inquiry.

2.0 Views of the director and executive member

- 2.1 The Scrutiny Board Procedure Rules Guidance Notes also require that, before embarking on an inquiry, the board seeks and considers the views of the relevant director and executive member. These views will need to be incorporated into the terms of reference.

3.0 Recommendations

- 3.1 The board is requested to agree the terms of reference for the inquiry.
- 3.2 The board is requested to agree to hold an additional meeting on 2 November.