



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (City and Regional Partnerships)

Date: 23rd October 2008

Subject: Inquiry into Skills – Session 1

Electoral Wards Affected: All

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

- Equality and Diversity
- Community Cohesion
- Narrowing the Gap
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1.0 Introduction

1.1 The Board at its last meeting approved the attached terms of reference for an inquiry into Skills.

2.0 Session 1 of the Board's Inquiry

2.1 The purpose of today's session is to receive an introduction to the Local Area Agreement (LAA), Multi Area Agreement (MAA) and Further Education (FE). In particular it is to consider the background and relationships of the LAA, MAA and FE in contributing towards meeting the target indicators with our partners as set out in the Council's Strategic Plan 2008/2011. It will also cover the scope and the rationale behind the targets which have been set.

2.2 The attached report of the Assistant Chief Officer (Planning, Policy and Improvement) addresses these issues.

3.0 Recommendations

3.1 Members are asked to;

- (i) Receive the report of the Assistant Chief Officer (Planning, Policy and Improvement) and comment on and ask questions of the officers present
- (ii) Consider what, if any, further information or points of clarification the Board requires to conclude Session 1 of its inquiry.
- (iii) Discuss any subsequent issues.
- (iv) Identify for session 2 of the Board's Inquiry on 27th November 2008 the witnesses it would like to hear evidence from.

Background Papers

None Used