



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Children's Services)

Date: 11 December 2008

Subject: Scrutiny Inquiry – Education Standards - Entering the Education System

Electoral Wards Affected:	Specific Implications For:
	Ethnic minorities <input type="checkbox"/>
	Women <input type="checkbox"/>
	Disabled people <input type="checkbox"/>
	Narrowing the Gap <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 At the board's meeting in July, members agreed to carry out an inquiry into Education Standards, particularly in relation to those entering the education system, as one of their major pieces of work this year. A copy of the agreed terms of reference is attached as Appendix 1.
- 1.2 The first formal session of the inquiry was scheduled for December. The attached report at Appendix 2 sets out the evidence requested in the terms of reference.
- 1.3 Relevant officers will be at the meeting to respond to members' questions and comments.
- 1.4 The next stage of the inquiry will consist of a number of visits and working group sessions. Notes from these activities will be brought to the second formal inquiry session, scheduled for March 2009.

2.0 Recommendation

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

Background papers

None