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Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Children's Services)

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Subject: Breeze Youth Promise

Electoral Wards Affected:	Specific Implications For:
	Equality and Diversity
	Community Cohesion
	Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 At the Scrutiny Board meeting in October, members considered the normal quarterly recommendation tracking report. As part of the discussion members agreed to ask for a report on the Breeze Youth Promise, and in particular the way in which it relates to recommendation 1 of the Youth Services Inquiry report published in May 2007.
- 1.2 The relevant recommendation is as follows:

 In light of the evidence presented during our inquiry, we recommend that the youth offer for Leeds needs to address the following key findings:

The need for a more equal distribution of universal youth services on offer across the city

- The need to include advice and signposting within universal provision
- The need to recognise that some groups of young people (for example carers, looked after children and young people with disabilities) may need a different approach or extra assistance to enable them to access the types of opportunities included in the universal youth offer
- The need to recognise young people's expressed desires for venues and spaces to undertake their own (unstructured) activity
- The important role of inter-generational/all age activities as well as specific young people's activities

We ask the Director of Children's Services to report to us within 3 months on how each of these issues will be addressed in the published youth offer.

1.3 The report is attached as Appendix A, along with the Breeze Youth Promise itself as Appendix B.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 The board is requested to consider the report and agree any further action required relating to this recommendation.

Background papers

Youth Services Inquiry report, May 2007