



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Children's Services)

Date: 5 February 2009

Subject: Recommendation Tracking – Inclusion consultation

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. For the first time the board decided that progress against some of its recommendations was not satisfactory.
- 1.2 Additional information was subsequently received which enabled the board to satisfactorily sign off one of the two recommendations concerned.
- 1.3 In the case of the second, the board agreed in November to set up a small working group to discuss progress with the relevant officers. The remit of the working group was to assess what progress had now been made, and to determine any further steps that the board recommended should be taken to ensure that the recommendation is achieved.
- 1.4 The working group reported back to the full Scrutiny Board in December, as a result of which it was agreed that a further working group meeting should take place in January, to ensure that momentum was maintained. The following specific objectives were identified:
- monitor short term progress;
 - review the next stage of plans for informing/engaging/consulting parents and professionals;
 - receive and consider the further information identified in relation to the parent carer consultation activity plan.

1.5 The working group's report is attached. The additional information requested from Education Leeds is due to be circulated in advance of the Board meeting.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 The board is requested to consider the report of the working group and agree any further action required.

Background papers

None