

**Scrutiny Board (Children's Services)
Work Programme 2008/09**

Item	Description	Notes	Type of item
Meeting date – 5 March 2009			
Draft Children and Young People's Plan	To comment on the draft second Plan	Timing subject to confirmation	DP
Inquiry – Education Standards – entering the education system	To receive evidence as the second session of the Board's Inquiry	Following completion of visits	RP/DP
Inquiry – 14-19 Education Review	To receive evidence as the second session of the Board's inquiry	Following completion of visits	DP
Sustainable Communities Act	To consider any proposals to be put to the government	This item is being referred to all Scrutiny Boards	DP
Locality Governance	To consider progress in developing locality governance arrangements within Children's Services	Requested in October 2008, arising from consideration of the Leadership Challenge evaluation report Provisional timing – subject to confirmation	DP
Request for Scrutiny – Meadowfield Primary School	To consider the recommendations of the working group regarding the scope of any scrutiny inquiry	The board established a working group in January to give initial consideration to the evidence and recommend the scope of any inquiry to be undertaken	RFS

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Meeting date – 2 April 2009			
Performance Management	Quarter 3 information for 2008/09 (Oct-Dec)	All Scrutiny Boards receive performance information on a quarterly basis	PM
Children's Services and the Children and Young People's Plan	To maintain an overview across the Board's portfolio, and to monitor the development of the Children's Services arrangements in Leeds	The Board has agreed to monitor progress against the priorities in the Plan on a quarterly basis	PM
Recommendation Tracking	This item tracks progress with previous Scrutiny recommendations on a quarterly basis		MSR
Leeds Inclusive Learning Strategy	Quarterly progress update from the Programme Board	Agreed by the Board in July 2008	PM
School performance and Ofsted Inspections	Annual report on school performance and biannual update on Ofsted Inspections and schools causing concern	The Scrutiny Board agreed in 2006/07 to consider these reports to Executive Board	PM
Meeting date – 7 May 2009			
Inquiry Reports	To finalise the reports and recommendations arising from the Board's inquiries this year	Timing subject to confirmation	
Annual Report	To agree the Board's contribution to the annual scrutiny report		

Key: RFS – Request for scrutiny
 RP – Review of existing policy
 DP – Development of new policy
 MSR – Monitoring scrutiny recommendations
 PM – Performance management
 B – Briefings (including potential areas for scrutiny)

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Working Groups			
Working group	Membership	Progress update	Dates
Inclusion consultation	Councillor Hyde Councillor Elliott Councillor Renshaw Mr Britten Mr Falkingham Ms Foote	Agreed November 2008 To consider progress in implementing recommendation 2 of the Board's April 2008 statement on Inclusion	8 December 2008 22 January 2009
MAST Project	Councillor Feldman Mr Falkingham Mr Britten	Agreed November 2008 To consider proposed reduction in funding to Multi-Agency Support Team (MAST), following request for scrutiny	15 December 2008
14-19 Education Review	Councillor Hyde Councillor Cleasby Councillor Driver Councillor Elliott Councillor Lancaster Councillor McKenna Mr Britten Mr Falkingham Professor Gosden	Agreed November 2008 To carry out visits and meetings as part of the Board's inquiry	

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Entering Education	Councillor Driver Councillor Lancaster Councillor Morgan Councillor Renshaw Councillor Taylor Mr Britten Ms Foote Mrs Hutchinson	Agreed December 2008 To carry out visits and meetings as part of the Board's inquiry	
Involving young people in scrutiny	Councillor Hyde Councillor Cleasby Councillor Lancaster Councillor Renshaw Mrs Knights Mr Britten	Agreed September 2008 To meet with representatives from Leeds Youth Council Scrutiny Group to discuss young people's ongoing involvement in the work of the Board.	3 March 2009
Safeguarding – Resources	Councillor Hyde Councillor Driver Councillor Elliott Councillor Morgan Mr Britten Mr Falkingham Ms Foote Prof Gosden Ms Morris-Boam	Agreed January 2009 To consider the adequacy of current children's social work resources to meet core child protection responsibilities	
Safeguarding – Preventative duty	Councillor Hyde Councillor Elliott Councillor Lancaster Mr Britten Mr Falkingham	Agreed January 2009 To consider the universal safeguarding duty and preventative work, particularly at a wedge level	

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Meadowfield Primary School	Councillor Elliott Councillor Feldman Councillor Lancaster Councillor McKenna Councillor Renshaw Mr Britten Mr Falkingham	Agreed January 2009 To give initial consideration to the evidence and recommend the scope of any inquiry to the full Scrutiny Board	
Attendance	Mr Britten Prof Gosden Mr Falkingham	Membership agreed October 2008	
Young People's Scrutiny Forum – Protecting our Environment	Members of Leeds Youth Council and ROAR	Terms of reference agreed April 2008 Currently taking evidence Delegate event to be held 18 February 2009	