Scrutiny Action Plan

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4.	That the Director of Legal and Democratic Services develops criteria for determining whether member or officer representation (or both) is appropriate on external bodies and partnerships relevant to the Children's Services portfolio, taking account of models from elsewhere and also the constitutional arrangements for executive decision making.	Review current external bodies and partnerships re children's services involving Member/officer representation. Identify possible future external bodies/partnerships re children's services likely to require Member/officer representation Action update (July 2006) The Director of Children's Services is continuing to work with the current partnership arrangements whilst this review work is undertaken (for example, a successful half-day Open Forum with more than 400 people working in the city across a wide range of organisations) and continuing the city-wide CYPSP and district arrangements. The review work is under way and is expected to be concluded in the Autumn, as is the review of district arrangements for Children and Young People being undertaken within the Leeds Initiative. Action update (October 2006) Children's trust arrangements were agreed at the Executive Board meeting of 20 September 2006, setting out membership of bodies at a city-wide level. Work is under way to look at the most effective way to organise district level arrangements and meetings. Part of this will be discussions with each Area Committee during the	Director of Children's Services	Autumn 2006 Winter 2006
		October and November meeting cycles.		

Appendix 1

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	Identify possible options for Member involvement in Children's Services portfolio generally (eg Reg 33 etc)		
	Identify models from elsewhere		
	Draft report to set out proposed framework for Member involvement in Children's Services including section on implications of individual decision making by Executive Members		
	Action update (July 2006) Executive Board will discuss the role of elected members as Corporate parents, including a Corporate Parenting Framework and Corporate Parenting Guarantee at the July meeting.		
	During the Autumn, a series of members' Seminars has been planned (among other things) to cover the kinds of issues raised through the Scrutiny process.		
	Action update (October 2006) Executive Board approved the Corporate Parenting Framework at its July 2006 meeting. This included a Corporate parenting Guarantee and a Corporate Parenting Action Plan. This included specific arrangements for overview and monitoring of Corporate Parenting, including Regulation 33 matters.		
	Ten Councillors have been recruited to lead on Corporate parenting and are to receive training when the Total Respect programme is implemented.		

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	Two awareness-raising seminars have been held in July and September for elected members generally. An action plan to guide further activity has been drawn up and is monitored regularly by the Executive Member for Children's Services and the Multi-Agency Looked After Partnership (MALAP).		Ongoing
5. That the Director of Legal and Democratic Services ensures that awareness is raised with regards to the existing guidelines for the level of support that will be provided to Members representing the Council on external bodies and partnerships.	Review effectiveness of existing guidelines and include paragraph re monitoring of that support Upon appointment to an external body/partnership, the Member/officer will be provided with a copy of the guidelines and advised of the support provided. Action update Once roles are determined, then appropriate support will be given.	Head of Governance Services	Autumn 2006