



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Children's Services)

Date: 12 October

Subject: Young People's Scrutiny Forum – Draft terms of reference

Electoral Wards Affected:

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 For members to agree the draft terms of reference for the Young People's Scrutiny Forum inquiry into transport in Leeds.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 Scrutiny Board (Children's Services) decided at its June meeting to approach the Youth Council to suggest a topic for scrutiny by a Young People's Scrutiny Forum in 2006/07.

2.2 The Youth Council decided upon transport for their inquiry which is in line with their manifesto priority to 'increase the number of young people using public transport across the city'.

2.3 The forum will operate under the same rules and procedures as any other scrutiny board, combined with good practice with regard to youth work and youth participation. An officer from the scrutiny support unit will provide the Young People's Scrutiny Forum with support and professional advice; professional youth workers from the Youth Council and ROAR will provide the youth work expertise.

2.4 At the first meeting of the forum in September 2006, the forum decided to focus their inquiry on the city's bus services (excluding school buses).

2.5 The forum will meet again on 5th October 2006 to finalise the terms of reference which will then be circulated to members.

3.0 Recommendation

3.1 Members are requested to agree the terms of reference.