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## Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

### Scrutiny Board (Children's Services)

Date: 7 May 2009

Subject: Formal Response to Scrutiny Recommendations – Multi-Agency Support Team (MAST)

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Electoral Wards Affected:

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

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### 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 In February 2009 the Scrutiny Board (Children's Services) published a report setting out its conclusions and recommendations arising from its Inquiry on the Multi-Agency Support Team (MAST).
- 1.2 It is the normal practice to request a formal response to the board's recommendations, once an inquiry report has been issued. A formal response to the recommendations has now been received and is attached.
- 1.3 Due to recent changes in procedure, the Director's proposed responses to the recommendations were submitted to the Executive Board for approval, on 1 April, before being forwarded to the Scrutiny Board. The attached responses also include an update on the latest position in respect of each recommendation, to supplement the response agreed by the Executive Board.
- 1.4 Members are asked to consider the responses provided, and to decide whether any further scrutiny involvement is required.
- 1.5 Any recommendations which have not yet been completed will be included in future quarterly recommendation tracking reports to enable the Board to continue to monitor progress.

### 2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 Members are asked to consider the responses provided and to decide whether further scrutiny involvement is required.

### Background papers

None