



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Children's Services)

Date: 9 July 2009

Subject: Scrutiny Inquiry – 14-19 Education Review

Electoral Wards Affected:

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The 14-19 education review was one of the Scrutiny Board's areas of inquiry for the 2008/09 year, and has been carried forward to this year to complete. A copy of the original terms of reference for the inquiry is attached.
- 1.2 Given the length of time that has elapsed since the beginning of this inquiry, the attached report provides the Board with an update on progress with the 14-19 review.
- 1.3 As part of the inquiry the Board agreed that a number of working group activities and visits would take place. Members met with a number of providers from schools, colleges and the voluntary sector, to discuss their role in the future provision of 14-19 education in Leeds. In addition, a number of members visited Sheffield to hear about their approach to 14-19 provision, for which the council was awarded beacon status last year, and to visit a number of providers. There is one further working group activity to be organized, with employers' representatives.
- 1.4 Following discussion of the update report at today's meeting, the Board is asked to consider whether there is any further information that is required in order to complete this inquiry, and if so to consider updating the terms of reference to reflect any change in the scope of the inquiry.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Board considers the information provided and determines whether any further information is required to complete this inquiry.

Background papers

None