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Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Environment and Neighbourhoods)

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Subject: Inquiry into Asylum Seeker Case Resolution – Formal Response

Electoral Wards Affected: All	Specific Implications For:
	Equality and Diversity
Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)	Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 During 2008/2009, the Scrutiny Board (Environment and Neighbourhoods) conducted an Inquiry into Asylum Seeker Case Resolution and published its report in May 2009. The Board's report is attached as Appendix 1.
- 1.2 It is the normal practice to request a formal response from the relevant Directorate(s) and other relevant external organisations to the Board's recommendations, once a report has been published.
- 1.3 On 22nd July 2009, the proposed response to the recommendations was submitted by the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods to the Council's Executive Board, who accepted the actions detailed in the response. Written responses to the Board's recommendations were also provided by the UK Border Agency and the Yorkshire and Humber Regional Migration Partnership.
- 1.4 The attached chart (appendix 2) details the response of the Environment and Neighbourhoods Directorate, the UK Border Agency and the Yorkshire and Humber Regional Migration Partnership.
- 1.5 Members are asked to consider the responses provided and to decide whether any further scrutiny involvement is required.
- 1.6 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

Scrutiny Board (Environment and Neighbourhoods) Inquiry Report on Asylum Seeker Case Resolution. May 2009.