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## Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

### Scrutiny Board (Children's Services)

Date: 17 September 2009

**Subject: Formal Response to Scrutiny Recommendations – Education Standards - Entering the Education System**

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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 June 2009 the Scrutiny Board (Children's Services) published a report setting out its conclusions and recommendations arising from its Inquiry on entering the education system.
- 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 proposed responses to the recommendations were submitted to the Executive Board for approval, on 26 August, before being forwarded to the Scrutiny 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