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Report of the Chief Democratic Services Officer

Executive Board

Date: 14th June 2006

Subject: Inquiry into Childhood Obesity Prevention and Management – Final Report

Electoral Wards Affected:

Specific Implications For:

Ethnic minorities

Women

Disabled people

Narrowing the Gap

Eligible for Call In

Not Eligible for Call In

(Details contained in the report)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The Scrutiny Board (Health and Wellbeing) has recently undertaken an Inquiry into Childhood Obesity Prevention and Management. The Board agreed its final Inquiry report in April 2006 and made a number of recommendations, one of which is directed at the Executive Board.
2. In recognising the need to strengthen the links between childhood obesity and adult obesity, the Scrutiny Board (Health and Wellbeing) has recommended to the Executive Board that it nominates an Executive Member to champion issues relating to obesity generally. The Executive Board is now asked to consider and respond to the Scrutiny Board's recommendation.

1.0 Purpose Of This Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to put before Members of the Executive Board a recommendation made by the Scrutiny Board (Health and Wellbeing).

2.0 Background Information

- 2.1 In September 2005, the Scrutiny Board (Health and Wellbeing) identified Childhood Obesity as being a key public health issue both nationally and locally and therefore agreed to carry out an Inquiry into this matter.
- 2.2 As part of its Inquiry, the Board considered both the treatment and prevention interventions available across the city for addressing childhood obesity. Particular attention was also given to the new Leeds Childhood Obesity Strategy, which is due to be formally launched in July 2006.
- 2.3 The Board has now concluded its Inquiry and is due to consider the formal responses to all of its recommendations at its July 2006 meeting.

3.0 Main Issues

- 3.1 In recognising the need to strengthen the links between childhood obesity and adult obesity, the Scrutiny Board (Health and Wellbeing) has recommended to the Executive Board that it nominates an Executive Member to champion issues relating to obesity generally.

4.0 Implications For Council Policy And Governance

- 4.1 If the Executive Board are mindful to support the Scrutiny Board's recommendation, this will strengthen the Council's leadership role on this matter.

5.0 Legal And Resource Implications

- 5.1 There are no legal and resource implications.

6.0 Conclusions

- 6.1 The Executive Board is asked to consider the final report of the Scrutiny Board (Health and Wellbeing) following its Inquiry into Childhood Obesity Prevention and Management and to provide a response to its recommendation that the Executive Board nominates an Executive Member to champion issues relating to obesity.

7.0 Recommendations

- 7.1 That the Executive Board considers the final report of the Scrutiny Board (Health and Wellbeing) following its Inquiry into Childhood Obesity Prevention and Management and considers the recommendation that the Executive Board nominates an Executive Member to champion issues relating to obesity.