



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Children's Services)

Date: 17 March 2011

Subject: Children's Services Improvement Plan – monitoring report

Electoral Wards Affected:

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This report presents the Children's Services Improvement Plan monitoring report, as presented to the Improvement Board in February 2011 (Appendix 1). The Improvement Plan is the council's plan for responding to the issues raised in the Improvement Notice issued by the Secretary of State in March 2010. The Improvement Board is an independently chaired multi-agency body which monitors and drives progress against the Improvement Plan, with the chair reporting progress regularly to government.
- 1.2 When the Improvement Plan was agreed by the Executive Board in March 2010, it was also agreed that this Scrutiny Board would receive a quarterly update on progress in delivering the Improvement Plan. In addition to this the Scrutiny Board is also due to receive six-monthly progress reviews against the Improvement Plan actions.
- 1.3 Relevant officers and members will attend the meeting to discuss progress with the Improvement Plan and answer Scrutiny Board members' questions.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 The board is recommended to consider the information provided and identify any specific areas for further scrutiny inquiry.

Background papers

None