



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Children's Services)

Date: 21 April 2011

Subject: Gypsy and traveller education

Electoral Wards Affected:

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 In January 2011 the Scrutiny Board (Environment and Neighbourhoods) agreed an inquiry report following their review of Gypsies and Travellers Site Provision within Leeds. The report included one recommendation addressed to this Scrutiny Board:

Recommendation 9

That the Scrutiny Board (Children's Services) be asked to undertake a specific investigation on the national and local position of gypsy and traveller girls school attendance and educational achievements at 11 years and above.

The relevant extract from the Scrutiny Board's inquiry report is attached.

- 1.2 Children's Services have provided the attached report in order to help the Board assess the situation.
- 1.3 Members will need to decide whether the attached information is sufficient for the Board to respond to the concerns originally giving rise to the recommendation from the Environment and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board, or whether any further work is required. The Principal Scrutiny Adviser will ensure that the Board's findings are fed back to the Environment and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 The board is requested to consider whether the information provided by Children's Services provides sufficient information for the Board to respond to the Environment and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board or whether any further work is required on this topic.

Background papers

None