



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board: Children's Services

Date: 21 April 2011

Subject: Draft Scrutiny Inquiry Report – School Balances

Electoral Wards Affected:

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This report presents the conclusions and recommendations arising from the Scrutiny Board's work on school balances. Members decided in June 2010 that they wished to look at school balances, following on from a report to the Board in April 2010.
- 1.2 The draft report is attached for approval.

2.0 Consultation

- 2.1 Scrutiny Board Procedure Rule 14.3 states that "where a Scrutiny Board is considering making specific recommendations it shall invite advice from the appropriate Director(s) prior to finalising its recommendations. The Director shall consult with the appropriate Executive Member before providing any such advice. The detail of that advice shall be attached to the report".
- 2.2 There is no specific advice that the Director wishes to offer at this stage, prior to making a formal response to the final recommendations.
- 2.3 Once the Board publishes its final report, the Director of Children's Services will be asked to formally respond to the Scrutiny Board's recommendations within three months.

3.0 Recommendations

3.1 The Board is requested to:-

- (i) Agree the Board's report and recommendations.
- (ii) Request that a formal response to the recommendations is produced in line with normal procedures for scrutiny inquiry reports.

Background papers

None