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**Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development**

**Scrutiny Board (Children and Families)**

**Date: 21 July 2011**

**Subject: Formal Response to Scrutiny Recommendations – School Balances**

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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 April 2011 the Scrutiny Board (Children's Services) published a report arising from its inquiry on school balances.
- 1.2 It is the normal practice to request a formal response to the board's recommendations, once an inquiry report has been issued. The formal response to each recommendation is attached.
- 1.3 Members are asked to consider the responses provided, and to decide whether any further scrutiny involvement is required. Any recommendations where action is outstanding 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