

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

**Report to Scrutiny Board (Children and Families)**

**Date: 15<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

**Subject: Inquiry on service redesign for children with disabilities, special educational needs and additional health needs. – Draft Final Report & Recommendations**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**Summary of main issues**

1. In March 2010 the Executive Board considered a review of the organisation of children's services delivery in Leeds, and agreed to create a single Integrated Children's Service within the council by 1 April 2011. This would bring Education Leeds back into the council.
2. The Children's Services Scrutiny Board agreed in June 2010 that it would carry out an inquiry into the proposed redesign of services, focusing on the provision of services for children with disabilities, special educational needs and additional health needs (and their families).
3. This inquiry has been completed.
4. The draft scrutiny inquiry report will follow and will be available prior to the meeting.

**Recommendations**

5. Members are asked to consider the Board's draft final report and recommendations following completion of its deliberations on this issue.

## **1.0 Corporate Considerations**

### **(a) Consultation and Engagement**

- 1.1 Scrutiny Board Procedure Rule 13.2 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 reported to the Scrutiny Board and considered before the report is finalised."
- 1.2 The Director of Children's Services will be consulted and his advice and comments will be submitted to Members when considering their final report.
- 1.3 Where internal and external consultation and engagement processes have been undertaken with regard to this particular inquiry, details of any such action is referenced within the inquiry report.

### **(b) Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration**

- 1.4 Where consideration has been given to the impact on equality areas, as defined in the Council's Equality and Diversity Scheme, this will be referenced within the inquiry report.

### **(c) Council Policies and City Priorities**

- 1.5 This section is not relevant to this report

### **(d) Resources and Value for Money**

- 1.6 Details of any significant resource and financial implications linked to the Scrutiny Inquiry will be referenced within the inquiry report.

### **(e) Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

- 1.7 This report does not contain any exempt or confidential information.

### **(f) Risk Management**

- 1.8 This section is not relevant to this report.

## **2.0 Conclusions**

- 2.1 Scrutiny Board (Children and Families) has completed its inquiry on service redesign for children with disabilities, special educational needs and additional health needs. The Board is now in a position to report on its findings and its conclusions and recommendations resulting from the evidence gathered.

### **3.0 Recommendations**

3.1 Members are asked to consider the Board's draft final report and recommendations following completion of its deliberations on this issue.

### **4.0 Background documents**

None