

Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Children and Families)

Date: 26th April 2012

Subject: Scrutiny inquiry into combating child poverty and raising aspirations

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 2011/12 the Scrutiny Board agreed to undertake an inquiry into combating child poverty and raising aspirations. The Board is in a position to report on its findings and recommendations resulting from the evidence gathered. The Board's draft report will follow and be made available prior to the meeting for Members' consideration.
2. 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".
3. Any advice received will be reported at the Board's meeting for consideration, before the Board finalises its report.
4. Once the Board publishes its final report, the appropriate Director(s) will be asked to formally respond to the Scrutiny Board's recommendations within three months.

Recommendations

5. Members are asked to consider and agree the Board's report following its inquiry into combating child poverty and raising aspirations

Background documents

6. None used