

Report to: Children's Services, Young People,
and Sport Scrutiny Committee

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Report of: Director of Legal and Democratic
Services

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Report Title: **Monitoring of Scrutiny Committee and Scrutiny Panel
Decisions**

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(**Non-Confidential**) This report does **not** contain information which warrants its consideration in the absence of the press or members of the public.

Purpose:

The report advises upon the progress of decisions taken previously by this Scrutiny Committee.
The monitoring report will be a regular report to meetings of this Scrutiny Committee.

Recommendations:

The Committee is requested to consider the reported action and progress of its past decisions.

Decision:

Background Doc(s):

Children's Services, Young People, and Sport Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting	Item and Decision	Action and Progress
21/06/07	<p><u>Children Leaving Care Scrutiny Panel – Findings</u></p> <p>Resolved – That the Executive Member for Children's Services be asked to prepare a report setting out her response to the recommendations contained in the report and that these responses be presented back to the Children's Services, Young People, and Sport Scrutiny Committee within six months.</p>	<p>A response to the recommendations will be submitted to 31 January 2008 meeting of this Committee.</p>
21/06/07	<p><u>Identification of Issues for Scrutiny / Annual Work Programme</u></p> <p>Resolved – That a Scrutiny Panel be established to investigate the education of Bolton's Looked After Children.</p> <p>Resolved – That an update report on Gifted and Talented pupils be added to the work programme of the Committee.</p> <p>Resolved – That the list of issues identified for consideration, as detailed in the report, be approved.</p>	<p>The investigation of the Educational Attainment of Looked After Children Scrutiny Panel is being scoped.</p> <p>Update report on Gifted and Talented pupils scheduled for Committee meeting on 11 October 2007. Children's Services report, "The Gifted and Talented strand is currently being re-positioned within the school improvement service and greater embedding of the approach within the schools is taking place. The scrutiny report will include reference to the developments and be available by 31st January 2008."</p> <p>Report on 14-19 Strategy scheduled for Committee meeting on 11 October 2007. Children's Services report, "The report on progress with 14-19 Strategy was deferred to allow an update to take account of the Joint Area Review and the current external 'Progress Checks' which are being undertaken. Once the latter is complete an update will be</p>

		available to scrutiny.”
16/08/07	<p><u>Monitoring of Scrutiny Committee and Scrutiny Panel Decisions</u></p> <p>Resolved - (ii) That further details of the take up of free swimming be provided to the Committee.</p>	Information to be reported to Committee in due course.
16/08/07	<p><u>Children’s Services Revenue and Capital Out-turn Report, 2006/07</u></p> <p>In response to questions, the Committee was informed that a national average for the number of racial incidents recorded in schools would, if obtainable, be supplied to a future meeting.</p> <p>Resolved - (i) That a presentation on road safety education and training undertaken in Bolton’s schools be held at a future meeting of the Committee.</p>	<p>Director of Children’s Services reports that the answer given to the Committee was correct and such comparative data is not routinely collected.</p> <p>Road safety education presentation scheduled for Committee meeting on 4 December 2007.</p>
16/08/07	<p><u>Barnardo’s Action with Young Carers</u></p> <p>Resolved – That the Children’s Services Manager, Action with Young Carers, Barnardo’s, provide the Committee with detailed recommendations for consideration around the issue of young carers in Bolton.</p>	Report scheduled for Committee meeting on 4 December 2007.
16/08/07	<p><u>Progress Report of the Bolton Council Corporate Parenting Panel</u></p> <p>Resolved – That the Committee continue to monitor the Council’s progress in relation to Corporate Parenting</p>	Update report scheduled for Committee meeting on 10 April 2008.
16/08/07	<p><u>Extended Schools – Verbal Update</u></p> <p>Resolved – That the Committee be provided with a written report on extended services at its next meeting.</p>	<p>Report scheduled for Committee meeting on 11 October 2007.</p> <p>Children’s Services report, “It is over twelve months since we launched the extended services development programme in Bolton and a lot of progress has been made during that time. To engage the widest range of partners a formal workshop programme was undertaken across Bolton.</p>

		<p>The review of the process is currently being discussed with schools and other partners and this process will be concluded by the end of October when full details will be shared with Scrutiny.”</p>
29/08/07	<p><u>Question to the Chairman of the Children’s Services, Young People, and Sport Scrutiny Committee at Council on 29 August 2007</u></p> <p>Following a report this week from Durham University on early years and childcare provision, where £21bn has been spent nationally since 1997, may I ask the Chairman of The Children’s Services, Young People, & Sport Scrutiny Committee to request a report outlining the following; the effectiveness of Sure Start & Children’s Centres in Bolton compared to the national average, and to outline the criteria on which those figures are measured.</p>	<p>Report scheduled for Committee meeting on 4 December 2007.</p>