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**CHILDRENS SERVICES, YOUNG PEOPLE, AND  
SPORT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**(BUDGET) 31 JANUARY 2008**

Present – Councillors Ashcroft (Chairman), A. Wilkinson (Vice-Chairman), Barrow, Clare (as substitute for Councillor Murray), Connell, Higson (as substitute for Councillor Rushton), Hornby, Rock, Mrs. Rothwell, Mrs. Swarbrick and Williamson

Also in attendance

Councillor Mrs. Thomas - Executive Member for Children's Services

Mr. A. Donaldson - Head of Policy and Improvement

Mrs. M. Asquith - Director of Children's Services

Mrs. C. Davies - Head of Finance, Children's Services

Mr. I.D. Mulholland - Scrutiny Team Leader

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors J. Byrne (Executive Member for Young People and Sport), Dennis, Murray, Rushton and Scowcroft.

Councillor Ashcroft in the Chair

**55 CHILDREN'S SERVICES STRATEGIC BUDGET,  
2008/09**

The Committee considered the recommendations of the Executive Members for Children's Services and Young People and Sport in respect of the Children's Services Strategic Budget, 2008/09 and in doing so considered the following:-

a)

Minutes of the joint meeting of the Children's Services and Young People and Sport Policy Development Group held on 21st January, 2008;

b)

Minutes of the joint meeting of the Executive Members for Children's Services and Young People and Sport held on

22nd January, 2008; and

c)

A report of the Director of Children's Services detailing the Children's Services Portfolio allocation for 2008/09.

The Committee enquired as to the main budgetary priorities for non-statutory matters.

It was explained that these were, the school improvement service, youth, building schools for the future and other matters as mentioned in the recent Joint Area Review report.

Resolved – (i) That the minutes of the Joint Policy Development Group be noted.

(ii) That the recommendations of the Executive Members for Children's Services and Young People and Sport in respect of the 2008/09 Strategic Budget be noted.

(The meeting started at 5.00 p.m. and finished at 5.04 p.m.)