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<b>Title</b>		Children's Board Representation	
<b>For further information about this report please contact</b>		Mary Hawkins	
<b>Service Area</b>		Living, Lifestyles & Resources Directorate	
<b>Wards of the District directly affected</b>		None	
<b>Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006</b>		No	
<b>Date and meeting when issue was last considered and relevant minute number</b>		July 2006	
<b>Background Papers</b>		None	

<b>Contrary to the policy framework:</b>	No
<b>Contrary to the budgetary framework:</b>	No
<b>Key Decision?</b>	No
<b>Included within the Forward Plan? (If yes include reference number)</b>	No

<b>Officer/Councillor Approval</b>		
With regard to officer approval all reports <u>must</u> be approved by the report authors relevant director, Finance, Legal Services and the relevant Portfolio Holder(s).		
<b>Officer Approval</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>
Relevant Director	12 Nov 08	Mary Hawkins
Chief Executive		Chris Elliott
CMT	13 Nov 08	
Section 151 Officer		Is author
Legal	13 Nov	Peter Oliver
Finance		Mary Hawkins
Portfolio Holder(s)	17 Nov	Felicity Bunker
<b>Consultation Undertaken</b>		
None		
<b>Final Decision?</b>		Yes
<b>Suggested next steps (if not final decision please set out below)</b>		

## 1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report recommends that the Strategic Director (or successor post) with lead responsibility for Children agrees the Councils representation on the Childrens Trust Board, (which is a statutory County-wide body charged with responsibility for the co-ordination of children's services across various agencies) in consultation with the Portfolio holder for Community.

## **2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 The Strategic Director (or successor post) with lead responsibility for Children agrees the Councils representation on the Childrens Trust Board, in consultation with the Portfolio holder for Community.

## **3. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 The Children's Trust Board has recently changed its constitution to allow members to represent their Councils on the Board, whereas previously this was reserved for officers. An officer advisor can accompany any member attending.

## **4. ALTERNATIVE OPTION CONSIDERED**

- 4.1 None, as this enables the Portfolio holder to express their wish to attend or not as best suits them

## **5. BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK**

- 5.2 There are no financial implications as this work is carried out within current resources.

## **6. POLICY FRAMEWORK**

- 6.1 This will support the Corporate Strategy priority of understanding and supporting the differing needs of our communities focusing support where it is most needed.

## **7. BACKGROUND**

- 7.1 Statutory guidance on making arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of children under section 11 of the Children Act was published in August 2005. The guidance came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2005. It details both how district councils already contribute to the lives of children and young people and what is expected of them.
- 7.2 In July 2006 the Council agreed to participate in, and endorse the Children and Young People Strategic Partnership Executive Board. At that time it was agreed that the Portfolio holder for Customer and Community Services would be the Council's representative on the Children and Young People Strategic Partnership Forum. The Executive Board only had officer representatives.
- 7.3 The Governance arrangements of the Children's Partnership have recently changed, and like the other Local Area Agreement bodies the county-wide Partnership Board now renamed the Childrens Trust Board can now be attended by Councillors . The Children and Young People Strategic Partnership Forum no longer exists and has been replaced by local area/district partnership groups.
- 7.4 It is proposed that the lead children's officer, currently a Strategic Director, agrees the Councils representation on the Childrens Trust Board, in consultation with the Portfolio holder for Community, so that the arrangements that best suit the Portfolio holder can be put in place.