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FEEDBACK AND UPDATE REPORT

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report provides feedback on items considered or questions asked at previous meetings of the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel. It also provides an update on matters which are of interest to the Panel or where the Panel have asked to be kept informed of progress.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Recruitment and Retention in Schools

During the Panel's consideration of the Unvalidated Exam Data at its meeting on 22 October 2008, Members requested further information on what action was being taken with regard to recruitment and retention in schools.

A project group has been established and is working with partners and schools in the city and an informal briefing paper giving an update on this project will be sent to members of this panel shortly.

2.2 Total Respect Training

At a meeting of the Panel on 22 October a group of young people attended to talk about different ways of engaging with young people and were able to tell the panel of their own experiences of being engaged. The panel were informed of training which is offered to all Children's Services Staff called Total Respect which helps people working with young people understand how they can engage with them.

The outcomes of this training are that participants will understand:

- Why listening to young people is essential
- How to communicate with young people
- Why young people should be treated with respect
- Why young people should be consulted about decisions that affect them

The training is facilitated by young people and an invitation will be extended to Members of this panel to attend a training session on 16 February 2009. The training lasts for 3 hours and can be either a morning or afternoon session.

The panel is asked to consider which session would be most appropriate to arrange.

2.3 Children's Trust Board Minutes

During the Panel's consideration of the Children's Trust Arrangements at its meeting on 22 October 2008, Members requested to receive copies of minutes from the meetings of the Children's Trust Board. Arrangements have now been made for Members of the Panel to receive

the minutes from each meeting thus keeping them informed of the Trust's activities. These will be emailed directly to the Members when available.

3. EXPECTED OUTCOMES

3.1 That the Panel notes the feedback from previous meetings.

4. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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5. APPENDICES

None