

<b>Item No:</b> 11	<b>Classification:</b> OPEN	<b>Date:</b> 15 December 2003	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Overview & Scrutiny Committee
<b>Report Title:</b>		<b>Green paper – “Every Child Matters”: Consideration of scrutiny approach.</b>	
<b>Ward(s) or Group affected:</b>		All Wards	
<b>From:</b>		Health & Social Care Scrutiny Sub-Committee	

### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Overview & Scrutiny Committee consider the way in which scrutiny should approach scrutiny of the Government’s Green Paper “Every Child Matters” in the light of the shared interest in this item of both the Health & Social Care Scrutiny Sub-Committee and the Education, Youth & Leisure Scrutiny Sub-Committee, and the paper’s wider operational impact for the authority.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

2. On 12 November 2003 the Director of Social Services and the Deputy Director of Social Services & Head of Children’s Services attended the meeting of Health & Social Care Scrutiny Sub-Committee and spoke in respect of the Government’s Green Paper “Every Child Matters” and its impact on the authority’s work.
3. The Sub-Committee agreed that OSC be asked to suggest the approach to be taken to scrutiny of the Green Paper “Every Child Matters”, in the light of the shared interest in this item of both the Health & Social Care Scrutiny Sub-Committee and the Education, Youth & Leisure Scrutiny Sub-Committee, and the paper’s wider operational impact for the authority.
4. On 20 November 2003 the Education, Youth & Leisure Scrutiny Sub-Committee was also briefed on the Green Paper by the Director and Deputy Director of Social Services, and at its subsequent meeting on 24 November 2003 the Director of Social Services presented the Executive report on the Green Paper for Member discussion.
5. In line with the Council’s Overview & Scrutiny Procedure Rule 3.1 [b] OSC is asked to consider this matter and determine the approach.

### **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

6. There are no specific resource implications raised by this report.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

7. There are no specific legal implications of this report.



## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
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Borough Solicitor & Secretary	No	No
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