



## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

24 AUGUST 2004

### CHILDREN AND LEARNING SCRUTINY PANEL – PROGRESS REPORT

**1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

2. To inform the Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Board of the progress made to date by the Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel.

**3. PROGRESS OF THE PANEL**

4. Since my last progress report to this Board on 13 July 2004, the Panel have:-
- (a) Received a joint introductory presentation from Officers within Social Services and Education with regard to the educational attainment of Children Looked After by the Authority;
  - (b) Received a presentation from the Children Looked After Manager with regard to the Public Service Agreement (Wave 1);
  - (c) Considered the views of the Executive Members for Education, Early Years and Social Services and Health with regard to the educational attainment of Children Looked After by the Authority;
  - (d) Received further information from Education and Social Services on the evaluation of the Teacher Training Event, analysis of the GCSE outcomes for Children Looked After in Middlesbrough in Summer 2003; Local Performance Indicators and permanently excluded CLA statistics.

- (e) Considered the views of the Chair of the Corporate Parenting Board with regard to the educational attainment of Children Looked After by the Authority.
5. Over the coming weeks the Panel are to receive evidence on the Authority's Personal Educational Plans, the views of a small cohort of children and foster carers.
  6. Consideration will also be given to first quarter performance clinic data for Education.
  7. I am also pleased to advise that following the issue of a press release at the start of this scrutiny investigation, an article was printed in the Evening Gazette on 26 July 2004 seeking contributions from the public.
  8. **RECOMMENDATION**
  9. It is recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny Board notes the progress of the Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel.

**COUNCILLOR LINDA WILSON  
CHAIR OF THE CHILDREN AND LEARNING SCRUTINY PANEL**

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.