



OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

21 SEPTEMBER 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 24 August 2004, the Panel have:-
- (a) Received further information on the purpose of Personal Education Plans for all children in the Authority's care;
 - (b) Considered the recent performance clinic data of the Education Department, the outcome of which I will report verbally at this meeting; and
 - (c) Considered the views of a small cohort of children and foster carers.
5. Over the coming weeks the Panel are to receive evidence from representatives from the DfES and the Education Protects lead for the North East.
6. I am also pleased to advise that arrangements are currently being finalised for Sunderland City Council to attend a future Panel meeting to enable Members'

to compare their service provision in relation to the educational attainment of Children Looked After.

7. RECOMMENDATION

8. 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.