

## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

8 FEBRUARY 2005

### CHILDREN AND LEARNING SCRUTINY PANEL – PROGRESS REPORT

#### PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

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

#### PROGRESS OF THE PANEL

2. Since my last progress report to this Board on 14 December 2004, the Panel has concluded its short investigation into the East Middlesbrough Primary School Provision Review on 22 December 2004.
3. During this short review the Panel received, at its meeting on 22 December 2004, a presentation supplemented by a written report by the Assistant Head of Planning and Information from the Authority's Education Department. Also received at this meeting were the findings of the consultation exercise that concluded on 17 December 2004.
4. This issue was considered at the Executive of 25 February 2005.
5. At the Panel Meeting of 13 January 2005, consideration was given to various Ofsted Reports, these being:-
  - (a) Ayresome School
  - (b) Berwick Hills School
  - (c) Fernwood School
  - (d) Kader School

(e) Kings Manor School

6. The Panel has also commenced its scrutiny investigation into the 14-19 Agenda, of which the Scrutiny Officer has met with the Service Area Officer, Rosemary Morris for a preliminary meeting in consideration of this topic.
7. The Panel commenced its next investigation into the Authority's Progress into the 14-19 Agenda, on 1 February 2005, where the Terms of Reference into the topic were agreed. This provided the Panel with their lines of enquiry for there-onwards.
8. Also at this meeting a 'Setting the Scene' presentation was received by the Panel on the 14-19 Agenda, from Rosemary Morris, Head of School Improvement Services. The Learning and Skills Council also presented the Panel with their views on this topic.
9. The Panel Meeting will meet again to further discuss evidence into this topic on 24 February 2005.
10. It is envisaged that this review will be carried out from February and will conclude by the end of this current 2004/2005 Municipal Year.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

11. 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.