

AGENDA ITEM: 10a

**OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD**

**12 JULY 2005**

**CHILDREN & LEARNING SCRUTINY PANEL**

**PROGRESS REPORT**

**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1. To provide members of the Overview and Scrutiny Board (OSB) with an update on the progress of the Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel.

**BACKGROUND**

2. Since the last update to the Board the panel has concluded its review on the 14-19 Agenda. The panel met to receive the last section of evidence, the action plan that arose from the Ofsted inspection, for which the information was included within the final report. The panel then held an informal meeting on 28 June to agree the report and recommendations, the final report will be submitted to the 12 July OSB meeting for approval.
3. Following the Council's Annual General Meeting on 18 May the membership of the panel was agreed as follows:
  - Cllr Linda Wilson (Chair)
  - Cllr Hazel Pearson OBE (Vice Chair)
  - Cllr Martin Booth
  - Cllr John McPartland
  - Cllr Charles Rooney
  - Cllr Bernie Taylor
  - Cllr Maelor Williams
  - 1 Vacancy
  - Co-opted Members – Father Holland, E Orr, M White (8 vacancies)
4. The panel met on 7 June to agree the work programme and that has since been approved by the Board. The panel will begin the first meeting with a briefing about the outcome of the Youth Services Ofsted Inspection. The panel will then commence with the work programme which will begin with the consideration of the Primary Review (Falling Rolls in Primary Schools) and then move onto the Building Schools for the Future Programme and then a review of Special Needs and the Role of Infant and Junior Assessment Units. Time permitting the topic of Leadership was also put forward. Throughout the course of the year the panel will also receive any Ofsted Inspection Reports and Annual Standards Reports.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

5. That the Overview and Scrutiny Board notes the content of the report.

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