



AGENDA ITEM: 9 (a)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

3 JANUARY 2006

CHILDREN AND 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 met once (13 December 2005) to continue its review of the process relating to reviews of primary school provision.
3. The meeting considered two outstanding terms of reference of the scrutiny review which relate to:
 - Arrangements which are made to smoothen pupils' transition through National Key Stages in relation to primary education reviews.
 - The extended schools agenda in relation to such reviews.
4. Members heard evidence from the Council's Senior Standards Advisor and Extended Schools Co-ordinator on the above issues and findings from the meeting will be included in the Scrutiny panel's final report. A draft final report, including conclusions and recommendations, is now being prepared for consideration at the Panel's next meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

5. That the Overview and Scrutiny Board notes the updated position.

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