



AGENDA ITEM: 13 (a)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

28th FEBRUARY 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, on 1 February 2006. The Panel is also scheduled to meet again prior to the Overview and Scrutiny Board meeting, on 21 February 2006. An update from that meeting will be submitted to OSB on 28 March 2006.
3. At the 1 February meeting the Panel approved its final report on primary education reviews. The report and the Panel's recommendations will be considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Board on 28 February 2006.
4. The above meeting also considered:
 - The Annual School Standards report (Primary Schools) submitted by the Head of Education Standards.
 - An Annual Report on Surestart, which also covered mainstreaming of budgets, submitted by the Head of Community Education.

- Possible areas for examination as part of the Panel's next scrutiny review (school meals).

RECOMMENDATION

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

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