



AGENDA ITEM: 15a

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

28th MARCH 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 twice, on 21 February and 14 March 2006.
3. At the 21 February meeting the Panel began its latest scrutiny review - of school meals - by gathering background information and setting the scene for the review. Following that meeting, arrangements were made for Panel members to visit a local primary school to observe meal arrangements and speak to staff and pupils.
4. The 21 February meeting also considered an update report submitted by the Head of Community Education on earlier work undertaken by the panel on the Youth Service Action Plan.
5. At the 14 March meeting the Panel agreed terms of reference for the review of school meals and began the process of gathering detailed evidence. The Annual School Standards report (Secondary Schools) submitted by the Head of Education Standards was also considered at that meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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