



Agenda Item 8a.

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

30th MAY 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 scrutiny panel has met once, on 4th May 2006.
3. At the above meeting the panel concluded its evidence gathering in respect of the current review of school meals. Information was considered on:
 - a. The effectiveness of links with the local Primary Care Trust (PCT) in terms of local healthy eating initiatives. The PCT's Head of Health Improvement was present at the meeting to provide information and answer members' questions.
 - b. The link between nutrition and healthy eating. Information received from Teesside University was considered.
4. Following queries raised at an earlier meeting, Members also considered an update on the recommendations which the panel had made in relation to its 2004 review of the educational attainment of children looked after. Officers from Children, Families and Learning reported on the implementation of the panel's recommendations.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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