



AGENDA ITEM 8(a)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

22nd AUGUST 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 work of the Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel.

BACKGROUND

2. Since the last update report was prepared for OSB, the Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel has begun its examination of "Improving Behaviour and Supporting Pupils at Risk of Exclusion". The Panel met on 24 July 2006 and considered a presentation by the Head of Pupil Support, Children, Families and Learning, on background information on this topic.
3. At that meeting, the Panel agreed areas of work for investigation and inclusion in the terms of reference of the review. Draft terms of reference will be submitted to the Panel's 31 August 2006 meeting for approval, when Members will also investigate issues relating to the development of school behaviour policies.
4. At the 24 July meeting the Panel also considered a report of the Head of School Improvement on OFSTED Inspection results for Middlesbrough for the period January to June 2006. The Panel agreed that it should be kept updated in respect of the authority's response to two areas highlighted by OFSTED – namely one service area where special measures are required and one where a notice to improve has been served.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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