



AGENDA ITEM 9(a)

**OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD
17th OCTOBER 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 met once, on 21st September 2006, to continue its examination of "Improving Behaviour and Supporting Pupils at Risk of Exclusion".
3. At that meeting the panel considered evidence in relation to the National Key Stage 3 Strategy on behaviour and attendance. Members investigated the local implementation of the strategy and examined national guidance. Consideration was also given to comparative data relating to exclusions. Members determined that it will be useful to hear the views of teaching staff on the issues that have been raised and this is in the process of being arranged for the panel's next meeting.
4. The panel's findings will be included in its final report, which will be submitted to OSB in due course.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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