



AGENDA ITEM 10(a)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

14th NOVEMBER 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 16 October 2006, to continue its examination of "Improving Behaviour and Supporting Pupils at Risk of Exclusion".
3. The panel heard directly from teaching staff who are involved in behaviour management in schools. Members heard the general views of the school representatives on this scrutiny topic and questioned them in relation specific aspects of the scrutiny review - namely the effectiveness of behaviour policies; the impact of national initiatives; and the role of the Council's Behaviour and Attendance Co-ordinator and behaviour support service.
4. The panel's findings will be included in its final report, which will be submitted to OSB in due course.
5. At that meeting the scrutiny panel also considered a report on the process of Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) checks within the Council. This topic had been identified by the panel as a topic for examination as part of its current year's work programme.

6. The panel received an update on the current position from the Chair of the CRB Checks Working Group (an officer group which has been established to oversee this issue) and is to report on its findings to the next meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board on 12th December 2006.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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