



AGENDA ITEM 10(a)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

12th DECEMBER 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 visited Archibald Primary School (on 16th November 2006) to continue its examination of "Improving Behaviour and Supporting Pupils at Risk of Exclusion".
3. Having earlier spoken to secondary school teaching staff, the purpose of the panel's visit was to hear directly from primary school staff who are involved in behaviour management in schools. Members heard from the headteacher of the school and from one of the school's behaviour mentors. A number of issues were discussed at the site visit, including the effectiveness of behaviour policies and initiatives that had been implemented by the school in relation to behaviour improvement.
4. Following the site visit, the Chair of the scrutiny panel requested further information on a number of issues from officers in Children, Families and Learning. To allow time for the requested information to be provided, the panel's meeting scheduled for 30th November 2006 was postponed.

5. The panel's findings will be included in its final report, which will be submitted to OSB in due course.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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