

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

28 AUGUST 2007

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. Following approval of its work programme for 2007/08 the Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel has begun work on its first scrutiny investigation of the year on "early years outcomes and Surestart." The Surestart Services Manager from Children, Families and Learning attended the panel's last meeting (3 August 2007) to make a presentation on background information relating to this topic.
3. Members identified areas of work which the panel wishes to cover in its investigations and draft terms of reference will be considered at the panel's next meeting.
4. In addition to approving its work programme, the scrutiny panel also agreed that it wishes to receive regular progress reports on the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme. The Head of Organisation Development and Performance from Children, Families and Learning attended the 3 August 2007 meeting to provide an update on the current position.

RECOMMENDATION

5. That the Overview and Scrutiny Board notes the updated position in respect of the work of the Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel.

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