

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

23 OCTOBER 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. At the time of writing, the Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel has not met since its last update was reported to OSB on 24 September 2007.
3. The scrutiny panel is continuing its investigation of “early years outcomes and Surestart” and is scheduled to meet on 17th October 2007. That meeting will consider information on the following term of reference:

“To assess the impact of key plans and strategies and national guidance on early years learning outcomes and service provision.”

4. Officers from Children, Families and Learning are to present information in respect of the main directives, plans and strategies that are driving early years service provision nationally, and also in relation to developments in Middlesbrough.
5. The panel’s findings will be included in its final report on this topic, which will be submitted to OSB in due course.

6. The scrutiny panel will also consider updates in respect of Building Schools for the Future (BSF) and the East Middlesbrough Primary Review. A report is also to be submitted updating the position in respect of the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Board.
7. Any further significant updates from the 17 October Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel meeting will be provided at the OSB meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

8. 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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