

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

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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 its last meeting (13 February 2008) the Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel began its investigation of Extended Schools. The Extended Schools Manager from Children, Families and Learning presented Members with a broad overview of the topic and terms of reference were agreed for the investigation.
3. The scrutiny panel was also updated on the following issues:
 - Joint Area Review (JAR) of Children's Services - this is an external inspection of all children's services across the Borough (ie including external agencies and bodies), scheduled for March/April 2008.
 - OFSTED reports - April to December 2007.
 - Annual Standards Report - This included information, results and key issues in respect of the Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stages 1-4; and also statistical information in respect of attendance, exclusions, young people not in education, employment or training (NEETs) and racist incidents.
 - The Overview and Scrutiny Board meeting of 15 January 2008.

4. The scrutiny panel's next meeting is scheduled for 5 March 2008 and will continue to gather information on extended schools.

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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