

## **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.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

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

#### **BACKGROUND**

3. Since the last update report to OSB, the Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel has met twice, on 5 and 26 March 2008.
4. The panel is continuing its investigation of extended schools and has now gathered detailed information in respect of terms of reference relating to:
  - The national background to the development of extended schools.
  - How the extended schools programme is being developed in Middlesbrough, including the impact of extended schools to date.
  - The impact of any relevant performance indicators or performance measures.
  - Resource and funding arrangements.

5. The panel's next meeting is scheduled to be the final evidence gathering meeting on this topic. Arrangements are also to be made for panel members to visit two schools to see examples of extended schools provision.
6. In addition to the ongoing scrutiny investigation as outlined above, the panel has also been consulted on development of the Local Area Agreement insofar as it relates to its work. In addition, updates have been considered on development of the Primary Strategy for Change (which relates to a review of primary school provision in Middlesbrough) and on Building Schools for the Future.

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