

## **OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD**

**6 MAY 2008**

### **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 once, on 8 April 2008. At that meeting the scrutiny panel concluded its formal evidence gathering in respect of its investigation of extended schools by examining joint working arrangements in this area. In addition, arrangements are currently being finalised for the panel to visit two Middlesbrough schools for panel Members to see examples of extended working first hand.
4. Following the site visits, the panel will produce a detailed report on its findings and this will be submitted to OSB in due course.
5. At the 8 April meeting, the scrutiny panel also considered reports on the following:
  - Protocol for hard to place pupils - This has been developed over recent years to ensure that all schools are involved in assisting the placement of excluded pupils. Following its earlier investigation of "Improving Pupil Behaviour", the

Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel had made a recommendation that updates on the protocol should be submitted to the panel.

- Strategic Plan 2008-11 - The panel considered information relating to key achievements from 2007/08 and targets for 2008-11 in respect of the “Children and Young People” section of the Council’s Strategic Plan.

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