

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

1 JULY 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 twice, on 7 May and 17 June 2008.
4. At the 7 May meeting, the scrutiny panel considered information on school attendance, which was a topic outstanding from its 2007/08 work programme. Findings were reported to the last meeting of OSB, when it was noted that the panel was to consider investigating this matter further during 2008/09.
5. At the panel's 17 June meeting, the panel considered and agreed its draft final report on extended schools and also agreed its work programme for 2008/09. Both of these matters are covered by reports elsewhere on the OSB agenda.
6. In addition to the two formal scrutiny panel meetings, arrangements were made for Members to visit Breckon Hill Primary School to gather information on extended schools prior to finalisation of the panel's report on the subject.

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