

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 once, on 1 September 2008. At that meeting, the panel continued its investigation of aspects of the Council's corporate parenting responsibilities in the light of the Government White Paper "Care Matters: Time for Change."
4. The panel considered detailed information on the operation of the "supported lodgings scheme", which provides accommodation and support for young people leaving care.
5. The scrutiny panel also considered an update on the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme, namely progress on the Final Business Case (FBC) for Design and Build.

6. The Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel's next meeting is scheduled for 24 September 2008. This meeting will conclude evidence gathering on Children Looked After and will also consider relevant aspects of the Council's Community Strategy.

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