

## **OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD**

**21 OCTOBER 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 24 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 information on support which is available for children and young people in care in respect of emotional and mental health issues. Information was submitted in respect of the South Tees Child and Adolescent Mental Health Looked After Children's Service (CAMHS), the implications of the Care Matters White Paper and current caseloads in Middlesbrough.
5. At the 24 September meeting the scrutiny panel also considered the sections of the Council's draft Sustainable Community Strategy ('Supporting Children and Young people and Promoting Adult Health and Wellbeing').

6. The Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel's next meeting is scheduled for 13 October 2008. As that meeting will take place after despatch of the Overview and Scrutiny board agenda, an update on the meeting will be provided at OSB.

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