

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 24 February 2009.
4. At the above meetings, the panel continued its investigation of Middlesbrough Youth Service and Connexions. Information was considered on the following aspects of the topic:
 - To examine the development of the 'My Place' programme for young people.
 - To examine the Youth Capital Fund Plus, including local aims and objectives.
5. In addition to the scrutiny panel meeting, a Member of the Panel met a member of staff from Ormesby Comprehensive School who is involved with careers advice to hear their views and experiences of the Connexions service. The Member's findings are to be reported to the scrutiny panel. It is also hoped to make arrangements to meet further representatives of secondary schools/academies to gauge their views on service provision.

6. The scrutiny panel is scheduled to hold one more evidence gathering meeting on this topic before a final report is drafted on its findings.

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