

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

7 APRIL 2009

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 19 April 2009.
4. At the above meeting, the panel continued its investigation of Middlesbrough Youth Service and Connexions. Information was considered on the Aiming High for Young People and Positive Activities agenda. These are national initiatives which are aimed at transforming leisure-time opportunities, activities and support services for young people.
5. Information was also considered in respect of:
 - The meeting which had been held with a member of staff from Ormesby School in respect of their views and experiences of the Connexions service.
 - The findings of a panel Member in respect of the Youth Service outreach service. The Member had accompanied outreach workers to see the operation of the service first hand.

6. The above meeting was the scrutiny panel's final formal evidence gathering session on this topic. A draft final report on the Youth Service and Connexions is to be considered at the next panel meeting.

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