

## OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

5 MAY 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. At the time of writing, the Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel has met once since the last update report was presented to OSB. At that meeting, which was held on 14 April 2009, the scrutiny panel considered final information in respect of its examination of Middlesbrough Youth Service and Connexions. This information related to:
  - A meeting which was held with a member of staff from Acklam Grange School in respect of their views and experiences of the Connexions service.
  - A meeting with the Linx Detached Youth Work Project at Hemlington.
4. A draft final report in respect of the Youth Service and Connexions was also considered at the panel's 14 April meeting. This has since been updated to reflect amendments and comments from the meeting, together with the conclusions and recommendations which were also added. The report has been circulated to panel Members for final comment and is included on the current OSB agenda for comment/approval prior to its submission to the Executive.

5. The Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel's next meeting is scheduled for 28 April 2009. That meeting is to consider an introduction/overview in respect of the panel's new topic for investigation, namely the provision of play facilities/playschemes for children with complex needs. The panel agreed to examine this topic following a request from a member of the public. An update in respect of that meeting will be presented at OSB.

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