

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

28 JULY 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 to OSB, the Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel has met once, on 29 June 2009. That meeting considered further information in respect of the panel's investigation of play provision/play schemes for children with complex needs. The Chair of the Davison Trust, which is a Middlesbrough charity that provides financial assistance to children with disabilities, attended the meeting. Information was presented on the work of the Trust and its views on play provision for children with complex needs.
4. At the time of writing, the Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel has not yet held its 20 July 2009 meeting. In accordance with the terms of reference, arrangements have been made to consider information on Aiming High funding and how the Council currently assists groups and organisations in applying for funding from other various sources.

5. Aiming High is the national transformation programme for disabled children's services. The Government has identified disabled children as a priority and is to provide new funding and measures "to make the system work better."
6. An update from the 20 July scrutiny panel meeting will be provided at OSB.

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