

## **OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD**

**20 OCTOBER 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 28 September 2009.
4. At the above meeting, final evidence was considered in respect of the scrutiny panel's investigation of Playscheme provision for Children With Complex Needs. This related to :
  - The playschemes budget and levels of Council funding for provision for children with complex needs/disabilities.
  - The number of playschemes/number of child places available in comparison to
  - The number of places specifically for children with disabilities.
  - The assessment of need or demand for places for children with disabilities.
  - overall.
  - The duration of the playschemes.
  - The cost for each session.

5. The panel's findings will be incorporated into its draft final report, which is scheduled for consideration at its next meeting, on 19 October 2009.
6. That meeting will also consider an introduction/overview of the panel's next scrutiny topic of drugs education.

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