



OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

6 APRIL 2010

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 twice, on 1 and 22 March 2010. At those meetings, the following matters were considered:

1 March 2010

4. The scrutiny panel considered an introduction/overview of a new topic from its work programme - ie support for young carers. Background information was submitted to enable the panel to determine areas which it wished to explore further when agreeing its terms of reference for the review subject.

22 March 2010

5. The panel agreed terms of reference for its examination of support for young carers. Representatives of the Junction Foundation, which is an external support service for young people, were also present at the meeting and submitted information regarding:

- The young carers support project - which the foundation provides on a commissioned basis for Middlesbrough Council.
- Issues around identifying young carers.
- Number of young carers being supported.
- Challenges facing young carers.
- The different types of young carers.
- The different types of support that are available.

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