



OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

7 DECEMBER 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. The Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel has met once, on 9 November 2010, since the last update to OSB. That meeting considered further information in respect of the panel's current scrutiny topic of anti-bullying work in Middlesbrough schools and agreed terms of reference for the panel's investigation.
4. To date the scrutiny panel has received information on the use of national indicators; work which has been undertaken through the commissioning of an Anti-Bullying Consultant; how bullying is generally dealt with in schools; the development of an anti-bullying strategy in each school; and the possible future implications for performance, given likely future funding constraints.
5. Examples of primary schools' anti-bullying policies were also submitted to the 9 November 2010 meeting.

6. At the time of writing, the Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel's 2 December 2010 meeting has not yet taken place. An update from that meeting will be presented verbally at OSB.

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