



## **OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD**

**11 JANUARY 2011**

### **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. The panel's meeting scheduled for 2 December 2010 was cancelled due to the adverse weather.
4. The 9 November 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.
5. 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.

6. Examples of primary schools' anti-bullying policies were also submitted to the meeting.
7. At the time of writing, the Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel's 7 January 2011 meeting has not yet taken place. An update from that meeting will be presented verbally at OSB. The meeting is scheduled to consider secondary schools' anti-bullying policies and will hear from a school staff member.

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