



OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

8 FEBRUARY 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 twice, on 4 and 27 January 2011 since the last update to OSB.
4. These meetings considered further information in respect of the panel's current scrutiny topic of anti-bullying work in Middlesbrough schools. 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 and secondary schools' anti-bullying policies have also been considered.

6. Most recently, arrangements were made for scrutiny panel Members to visit Acklam Grange School. This was to enable Members to speak to the school's pupil mentors, who are involved in supporting their peers in a number of areas, including anti-bullying work.
7. On 24 January, the panel also considered Children, Families and Learning's Annual Standards Report. This covers Middlesbrough's Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stages 1-4 results, as well as exclusions and attendance over the previous year. The report highlights any areas of concern that have been identified, together with actions for improvement.

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