

# CHILDREN AND LEARNING SCRUTINY PANEL

## ANTI-BULLYING WORK IN MIDDLESBROUGH SCHOOLS - ACTION PLAN

11 April 2011

SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATION	PROPOSED ACTION	BY WHOM	BUDGET COST	TIMESCALE
<p>1. That Middlesbrough Council's commitment towards addressing bullying in local schools - and therefore fulfilling its duty of protecting children's physical and mental health and safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children - is reiterated. This should be achieved by ensuring that, as far as possible in the current difficult financial climate, schools continue to be supported through the work of local authority behaviour support staff and in particular the continuation of the Behaviour and Attendance Group to ensure that examples of best practice - such as the successful use of peer mentors - continue to be promoted and shared.</p>	<p>Propose reinstating operational BAT groups cross phase to ensure representation from Primary and Secondary Schools (and representation of BST and BandA Adviser)- anti-bullying to become a standing item on the agenda.</p>	<p>Band A Adviser Schools</p>	<p>Commitment towards adviser time  venue costs for meetings</p>	<p>Commence Summer 2011</p>
<p>2. That measures are put in place to mitigate the impact of any funding reductions - for example by liaising with schools so that victims of bullying can be directed towards the wide range of provision that is</p>	<p>Cross reference anti-bullying support with range of services e.g. through TAMHS, voluntary sector, website links and Behaviour support services.</p>	<p>Children's Trust Stay Safe Group</p>		<p>Summer 2011</p>

available to support them both within and outside schools; or by promoting and publicising available support through Council agencies and facilities such as the Connexions service or MyPlace development.				
3. That, following the abolition of the national TellUs Survey - and to ensure that the effectiveness of anti-bullying work can continue to be monitored - schools are recommended to put in place a system for recording all reported instances of bullying for annual submission to the Local Authority.	BAT group to produce definitions of Bullying and recording of instances of bullying guidance.  LA data team to enable a system for recording, collating, standardising and reporting	- BandA Adviser - BAT Group	Adviser time  Data team time and software	Definitions summer 2011  School to record from autumn 2011
4. The Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel is updated with information and statistics on bullying as part of the Annual Standards Report that is currently considered by the panel.	Deputy Director, Achievement to attend with service updates	John Catron	DD time	On-going
5. That the Council's Governor Support Team ensures that Governor training refers to bullying, the recording of bullying and the annual reporting of bullying incidents to the local authority.	Training to be delivered to Governor's Forum.	- Governor Support Team - BandA adviser	Gov Team – time and resources	July 2011
6. That all School Governors (especially those who are elected Members) are urged to raise the subject of bullying at meetings of Governors. This will assist with ensuring that all known bullying incidents are recorded and also with the annual reporting of bullying incidents to the local authority.	DD Achievement to liaise with JAC / Gov Support Team	- Governor Support Team	Gov Team – time and resources	On-going