



OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

23 AUGUST 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. Since the last update to OSB, the Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel has met once, on 23 August 2011.
4. At the above meeting, further information was submitted in respect of the scrutiny panel's continuing investigation of the 14-19 reform agenda, which is primarily aimed at ensuring that all young people, irrespective of academic ability, are equipped with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed and progress in education, employment and adult life.
5. The panel considered information as follows:
 - A discussion paper on Models of Post-14 Vocational Provision -Discussion Paper.
 - A report produced by Middlesbrough College - 'Making the Connections - The Way Forward.'

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- Intervention Programmes to Ensure Progression.
 - A report on developing a common values-led approach to vocational learning.
6. The scrutiny panel agreed terms of reference for its review. It was also agreed to invite the Principal of Middlesbrough College and the Executive Member for Children, Families and Learning to future meetings of the panel to discuss how proposals can be taken forward in Middlesbrough.

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