



OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

13 DECEMBER 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 report to OSB, the Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel has met once, on 16 November 2011.
4. The panel's 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 and employment) was concluded at the above meeting.
5. To date, information has been submitted on how the most recent national reforms and proposals might be implemented in Middlesbrough. The panel has heard information from the Principal of Middlesbrough College about that organisation's involvement in the subject, including proposals being developed by the college in respect of 14-19 provision in Middlesbrough.

6. Members have also heard from the Councillor M Carr, the Council's Executive Member for Children, Families and Learning, regarding the authority's involvement in this topic and how it hopes to be involved in developing collaborative working arrangements locally. Information has also been submitted regarding the involvement of the Children, Families and Learning and Regeneration Departments' involvement in promoting and developing local apprenticeships.
7. At the 16 November meeting, the panel approved its final report on this subject. The report is included elsewhere on the current OSB agenda.
8. At its next meeting, on 7 December 2011, the panel will begin its investigation of the subject of substance misuse among parents and carers.

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