

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 8a

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

18 SEPTEMBER 2012

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 report to OSB, the Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel has met once - on 22 August 2012. At that meeting, the panel considered a draft final report on the topic of future local authority involvement in academies.
4. The panel raised a number of queries and, as a result, agreed to defer consideration of the report pending clarification of the issues raised. These relate to:
 - a) Future funding.
 - b) Alternative education provision.
 - c) School playing fields.
 - d) Achievement /raising attainment.
 - e) Staffing Implications - To consider the impact on local authority services and staff.
5. Information on these issues is to be presented at the panel's next meeting, which will be held on 12 September 2012. An update from that meeting will be presented at the OSB meeting.

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