

# MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 12a

## OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

16 OCTOBER 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 twice, on 12 September and 3 October 2012. Details of those meetings are shown below.

#### 12 September 2012

4. The panel considered further information in respect of the future involvement of local authorities in academies, in respect of:
  - 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. The panel heard that the situation in respect of the academies agenda nationally and locally is one of flux. Clarification is awaited in respect of future funding/finance in particular.

**3 October 2012**

6. Information was submitted in respect of an officer working group that has been established to consider the financial implications and impact of an increase in the number of academies in Middlesbrough. A number of issues are being examined, including how the authority will market/offer services to academies in a competitive environment.
7. The panel has asked that further information on potential staffing implications is submitted to its next meeting, scheduled for 24 October 2012.

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