

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 9 (a)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

11 DECEMBER 2012

<p>CHILDREN AND LEARNING SCRUTINY PANEL</p> <p>- PROGRESS REPORT</p>
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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 14 November 2012. At that meeting, the panel considered further information in respect of the future involvement of local authorities in academies, in particular the implications for local authority staffing.
4. The Panel considered information on proposed staffing structures and possible staffing reductions anticipated as a result of the proposed changes.
5. The exact position will be subject to confirmation and will depend on future funding, with the panel already having been informed of likely changes to the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG).
6. As the funding picture is subject to almost constant change - with details still subject to confirmation - the panel agreed to obtain a final update on funding at its January 2013 meeting. Following receipt of that information, the panel's final report on this topic will be produced.

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