

# MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

## AGENDA ITEM 11 (a)

### OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

30 APRIL 2013

<p><b>CHILDREN AND LEARNING SCRUTINY PANEL</b></p> <p><b>- PROGRESS REPORT</b></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 twice, on 26 March and 10 April 2013. The scrutiny panel's investigation of the topic of deprivation and attainment is ongoing.
4. At the 26 March meeting, the terms of reference were agreed for the panel's investigation. These focus on:
  - Measures of deprivation.
  - Deprivation in Middlesbrough.
  - Trends on attainment in deprived areas of Middlesbrough.
  - The role and involvement of the local authority and other agencies in this issue, including intervention projects and programmes.
  - How progress is monitored/measured.
  - Relevant guidance.

5. At the 10 April meeting, the panel examined the involvement of Middlesbrough Children's and Young People's Trust in this issue. Children's Trusts were created to bring together all organisations responsible for delivering children's services.
6. The related Children and Young People's Plan includes the following as one of four key priorities: *Reducing the impact of poverty on children and young people.*
7. The Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel was informed of progress made to date in this area, including current interventions and actions.
8. The panel's next meeting (7 May 2013) will consider the impact of these and other actions by considering data on attainment levels.

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