

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 11(a)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

20 August 2013

<p style="text-align: center;">CHILDREN AND LEARNING SCRUTINY PANEL – 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.

BACKGROUND

2. At the last meeting, which was held on 31 July 2013, the scrutiny panel continued with its investigation of the topic of deprivation and attainment.
3. On 31 July, Heather Black, Development Officer for Together Middlesbrough, provided an overview of the work that the organisation undertakes with churches and faith-based projects around issues of child poverty/deprivation.
4. Also, at the meeting, the Assistant Director for Integrated Working and the Principal Corporate Development Officer provided an overview/update on the position with Middlesbrough's Child Poverty Strategy.
5. A draft final report on this topic will be considered at the next meeting, which is scheduled to be held on 21 August 2013.

RECOMMENDATION

6. That the Overview & Scrutiny Board notes the progress of Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel.

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