

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 12 (a)

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

15 OCTOBER 2013

<p>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 2 October 2013, the Scrutiny Panel received further information in respect of its current scrutiny topic of Employability Skills – From Care2Work Pathways for Children in Care.
3. In light of the joint working protocol that is now in place with Pathways, Middlesbrough College and the Integrated Youth Support Service, the officers named below attended the meeting to provide an overview of current working practices and the range of services provided. Future areas of improvement and development were also discussed.
 - Karen Douglas-Weir (Pathways Team Manager)
 - Denise Poskett (Housing and Development Co-ordinator, Pathways Leaving Care Team)
 - Diane Parks (Welfare and Support Co-ordinator, Middlesbrough College)
 - Sophie Holland (Student Engagement Officer, Middlesbrough College)

RECOMMENDATION

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

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