

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 9(a)

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

12 NOVEMBER 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 with an update on the work of the Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel.

BACKGROUND

2. At the last meeting, which was held on 23 October 2013, the Scrutiny Panel received further information in respect of its current topic of Employability Skills – From Care2Work Pathways for Children in Care.
3. Personal Advisers, Karen Sheppard and Gemma McLaren, provided their views and opinions of current working practices and how these could be developed and improved. At the meeting the Scrutiny Panel was provided with information on the Personal Adviser role in the assessment and pathway planning process, how the effective implementation of the pathway plan is ensured, how they support young people to achieve their potential and how current working practices could be improved and developed.
4. At the next meeting, scheduled to be held on 13 November, the Scrutiny Panel will receive evidence from Laura Bailey, the Vice-Chair of the Children in Care Council.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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