

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 8 (a)

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

10 DECEMBER 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 13 November 2013, the Panel received further information in respect of its current topic of Employability Skills – From Care2Work Pathways for Children in Care.
3. On 13 November, the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Children in Care Council (CICC) provided the Panel with their views and opinions of the services and support that children in care receive and how current working practices could be developed and improved.
4. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on 11 December 2013. At this meeting the Senior Operations and Partnerships Manager from the Department for Working Pensions (DWP) will provide the Panel with an overview of how the DWP effectively supports care leavers.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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