

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 6 (a)

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

4 February 2014

<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. The last meeting was held on 23 January 2014. At this meeting, the Scrutiny Panel received further information in respect of its current scrutiny topic of Employability Skills – From Care2Work Pathways for Children in Care.
3. On 23 January, Andy Pickering, the Senior Employability Worker for the From Care2Work initiative, provided the Panel with:
 - A general overview of From Care2Work.
 - An outline of the strategies and measures which could be adopted by the Local Authority to further develop and enhance current working practices.
 - An outline of the practical steps that will be taken to engage and negotiate with companies to identify packages of employability support and opportunities.
4. At the next meeting, the Panel hopes to receive statistics pertaining to care leavers and a detailed outline of the support that the Integrated Youth Support Service currently offers the Pathways Team and how the Service assists in supporting care leavers.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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