

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

AGENDA ITEM 9 (a)

4 March 2014

**CHILDREN AND LEARNING SCRUTINY PANEL
PROGRESS REPORT**

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 next meeting, scheduled to be held on 5 March 2014, the Scrutiny Panel will receive further information in respect of its current scrutiny topic of Employability Skills – From Care2Work Pathways for Children in Care.
3. On 5 March, Neil Pocklington (Deputy Director, Safeguarding and Specialist Services) and John Keelty (Integrated Youth Support Services Manager) will be in attendance to provide the Panel with:
 - A detailed outline of the support that the Integrated Youth Support Service currently offers to the Pathways Team and how the Service assists in supporting care leavers.
 - An overview of the current and future funding available to provide employability opportunities and/or develop employability skills, including how this funding has been, or will be, utilised.
 - Statistics that the Council holds on care leavers.
4. It is anticipated that the meeting of 5 March will be the final evidence gathering session of the review.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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