

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

AGENDA ITEM 11 (a)

CHILDREN AND LEARNING SCRUTINY PANEL
PROGRESS REPORT

1 APRIL 2014

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. On 5 March, the Scrutiny Panel received further information in respect of its current topic of Employability Skills – From Care2Work Pathways for Children in Care.
3. At the meeting Neil Pocklington (Deputy Director, Safeguarding and Specialist Services) and John Keelty (Integrated Youth Support Services Manager) provided the Scrutiny 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. At the time of writing, the Scrutiny Panel is scheduled to meet on 26 March to consider its draft final report on its current topic and discuss, determine and agree conclusions and recommendations - before submission to the Overview and Scrutiny Board.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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