

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

AGENDA ITEM 7 (a)

<p>CHILDREN AND LEARNING SCRUTINY PANEL PROGRESS REPORT</p>

24 September 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

Early Help – Improving Outcomes for Children, Young People and Families

27 August 2014

2. On 27 August 2014, the scrutiny panel began its review of Early Help – Improving Outcomes for Children, Young People and Families. At this meeting John Keelty (Interim Assistant Director for Supporting Communities) and Rob Brown (Interim 0-19 Service Manager) provided the scrutiny panel with an overview of early help in Middlesbrough and its contribution to reshaping the response to families with complex needs.
3. The scrutiny panel heard evidence pertaining to the national Troubled Families Programme. The programme promotes a different approach to working with families in order to help them to change or turn their lives around. At the meeting, it was conveyed how early help offers the opportunity to alter the imbalance between reactive and proactive spending and realign service provision to prevent future troubled families from being a pressure on the system.

17 September 2014

4. At the time of writing, the next meeting is scheduled to be held on 17 September 2014. At this meeting Edward Kunonga (Assistant Director of Improving Public Health and Director of Public Health) will be in attendance to present an overview of Public Health's early help, prevention and intervention approaches to improving the health and well-being of children and young people in Middlesbrough.
5. At the meeting on 17 September, the scrutiny panel will consider, discuss and agree the terms of reference for the review.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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