

**MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL**  
**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD**

AGENDA ITEM 8 (a)

<p><b>CHILDREN AND LEARNING SCRUTINY PANEL</b> <b>PROGRESS REPORT</b></p>
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**11 November 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**

2. At the meeting held on 8 October 2014, the scrutiny panel received further information in respect of its current review of Early Help – Improving Outcomes for Children, Young People and Families. At the meeting, John Keelty (0-19 Service Manager) Gail Earl (Townwide Manager, 0-19 Service) and Joanne Tickle (Acting East Locality Manager, 0-19 Service) provided the scrutiny panel with an overview of the 0-19 Service's targeted provision, support and prevention mechanisms at key development milestones, including an outline of the work of the Council's locality teams and children centres.
3. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 12 November 2014. At this meeting, the scrutiny panel will be provided with the opportunity to:
  - Discuss the evidence that has been received to date and consider whether any further evidence is required to inform and add value to the review.
  - Consider examples of local practices, which have been validated by the Centre for Excellence and Outcomes in Children's and Young People's Services (C4EO), in respect of early help, intervention and prevention strategies and approaches.

**School Improvement and Support**

4. At the meeting on 12 November, the scrutiny panel will also receive an update, from the Assistant Director for Learning and Skills, on the Local Authority's school improvement role and the progress made in addressing recommendations from Ofsted via the Post Inspection Action Plan.

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

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