



OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

15 JUNE 2004

COMMUNITY SAFETY and LEISURE SCRUTINY PANEL DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME 2004/05

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval from the Overview and Scrutiny Board on the proposed Draft Work Programme of the Community Safety and Leisure Scrutiny Panel for the 2004/05 Municipal Year.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny Board approves the content of the Draft Work Programme of the Community Safety and Leisure Scrutiny Panel for the 2004/05 Municipal Year.

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 At the first meeting of the Community Safety and Leisure Scrutiny Panel held on 8th June 2004, consideration was given to a wide range of information, extracted from various sources to assist in the formulation of the Panel's Draft Work Programme for the forthcoming year.
- 3.2 Prior to that meeting, the Senior Scrutiny Officer and myself met with the Executive Director for the Environment and Neighbourhood Services and the Assistant Chief Executive - Regeneration. We have also met with Leisure Management to identify the major issues in leisure at this time. I have recently discussed issues with the Executive Member for Community Safety and Leisure to receive his views in relation to suitable topics for inclusion into the Panel's Draft Work Programme.

3.3 The Panel has therefore considered a wide range of suitable topics relating to both Community Safety and Leisure to ensure a balanced agenda for inclusion into the Panel's Draft Work Programme. The following nine areas were highlighted at the Panel meeting from the extensive base list, as areas the Panel considers a Scrutiny examination could be beneficial in advancing the service and tackling the issue.

3.4 The Nine areas were identified as:-

Community Safety

- Tackling Anti Social Behaviour
- Street Wardens and their Funding
- Community Safety Improvement Plan
- AIMS
- Access to Drug Treatment

Leisure

- Active Middlesbrough Strategy
- Leisure Trust Status
- Clairville Leisure
- Playing Pitches

4. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

4.1 The Crime and Community Safety Scrutiny Panel have identified four subjects for presenting to the Overview and Scrutiny Board for their consideration. The Panel considers these are key areas and reflect the community safety and leisure dimensions, and invite the Boards observations on the sequence in which they should be addressed.

The four areas are: -

Active Middlesbrough Strategy - Are the links with other agencies effective. Has year 1 of this five-year strategy achieved its objectives? How are the benefits evidenced?

Clairville Leisure Ctr - What is the future for Clairville in regard to service provision. Is the funding for future provision and development clear? Does demand warrant level of investment?

AIMS - Has AIMS delivered the benefits anticipated? How does it contribute to tackling Crime? How does it inform and influence the Warden network?

Drugs and Drug Treatment - Public Awareness. Scale of the problem, services provided and used. Impact achieved

- 4.2 The Scrutiny Panel has considered the frequency of scheduled meetings and has determined that the Panel should meet on a fortnightly basis following the OSB of 15th June 04.
- 4.3 The Panel also intends to have an initial meeting where the Community Safety and Leisure divisions can present their operational structure and areas of involvement to ensure the Panel has a greater understanding of their area of operation.
- 4.4 In addition to the above, the Panel have also acknowledged that throughout the 2004/05 Municipal Year it may be necessary to respond on an ad hoc basis to emerging issues which would be considered appropriate for a review to be undertaken.

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CHAIR OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY AND LEISURE SCRUTINY PANEL**

BACKGROUND PAPERS

The following background paper was used in the preparation of this report: -

- i) Briefing Note of the Senior Scrutiny Officer entitled 'Determining the Panel's Work Programme' to the Community Safety and Leisure Scrutiny Panel held on 8 June 2004.

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