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## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

4<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2005

### COMMUNITY SAFETY and LEISURE SCRUTINY PANEL PROGRESS REPORT

#### PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1 To inform Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Board of the progress made to date by the Community Safety and Leisure Scrutiny Panel.

#### RECOMMENDATION

- 2 It is recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny Board approves the actions of the Community Safety and Leisure Scrutiny Panel resulting from its meetings of 15<sup>th</sup> March 2005.

#### PROGRESS OF THE PANEL

3. The Community Safety and Leisure Scrutiny Panel held a meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2005 when it engaged with representatives from organisations and services who are members of the AIM partnership. The Panel explored the benefits of operating the AIM process and what was considered the strengths and weaknesses of the process. This was found to be very valuable and informative and illustrated the positive benefits the AIM process has had in directing resources to successfully tackle crime and Anti Social behaviour.

4. The Panel also wanted to assess the level of cohesion between the partner organisations and this meeting allowed the opportunity to assess the level of partnership working and how one service contributes to assisting with tackling the problems encountered by another.
5. The Panel is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April and at present has invited the Police to attend as unfortunately they could not attend the collective meeting of the 15<sup>th</sup> March. The Panel considers the Police to be a major partner in tackling Crime and Anti Social behaviour. However, the Panel wants to assess the Police actual engagement and the benefits derived through operating AIM.

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

No background paper was used in the preparation of this report: -

15<sup>th</sup> March 2005

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