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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

29th NOVEMBER 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 since the last update which was presented to this Board at its meeting held on the 1st November 2005

PROGRESS OF THE PANEL

3. The Community Safety and Leisure Scrutiny Panel held a meeting on the 8th November 2005 when they invited six partner organisations to attend their meeting and present details of the events which had taken place over the previous two weeks as part of the 2005 Boro Buzz.

The Partner organisations were

- Cleveland Police
- Fire Brigade
- Councils Warden Service Middlesbrough

- Connexions
 - Hemlington Linx Project
 - Youth Services.
- 4 The Partner Organisations presented the level of attendance some projects had attracted and the impact the Boro Buzz had had from their perspective. The organisations attending had indicated that attendance at events was good and that there had been a reduction in anti social behaviour during this period. However, while it was recognised that the Boro Buzz initiative has contributed to the reduction in anti social behaviour it was not easy to quantify the degree of impact the initiative has had on the actual reduction in figures.
- 5 The Panel has requested the attendance of the Executive Member for Education and Skills and also the Head of Lifelong Learning to attend the meeting of the 29th November. To discuss the actions currently taken within Schools and through the Youth Service in holding specific events during this period to divert teenager's attention from pursuing anti social behaviour.
- 6 The Panel also raised the issue of the Wardens report and appreciated once again that the mayor was actioning a line of enquiry which was currently being undertaken. The Panel has requested some information on both the Public survey and also the Cost of the service to be presented at the Panel meeting also scheduled for 29th November 2005.

COUNCILLOR CHRIS ROBSON

CHAIR OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY AND LEISURE SCRUTINY PANEL

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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