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## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

25<sup>th</sup> July 2006

### 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 27<sup>th</sup> June 2006.

#### PROGRESS OF THE PANEL

3. The Community Safety and Leisure Scrutiny Panel held a meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2006. At this meeting the Panel Received information from the Operations Manager from Community Protection on the Respect Agenda. Members were advised that the Respect Agenda was part of the Governments drive to tackle anti social behaviour by addressing the underlying causes through early intervention. The Council has developed an Action Plan and is seeking the commitment from relevant service areas. The Panel concluded that the process was still in its very early stages and has asked that the service attend the Panel meeting in January 2007 to provide a progress update.

4. At the Panel meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> July, the Panel also addressed their first line of enquiry for a Scrutiny Examination since the Board validated its work programme. The subject being addressed is Neighbourhood Policing (NP) and the Panel were briefly informed of the core principles behind the introduction of this initiative. The Panel was appraised that NP is Police led and that there is a national timetable for its implementation. The Panel has briefly outlined their Terms of Reference for this Scrutiny which will be confirmed at its meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> July. Consequently, I will be able to add verbally to this report at the Boards meeting as it follows the Panels meeting held earlier in the day.
5. The Panel is holding a Setting the Scene meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> July, which is to be presented by the Community Protection Service and an ex police officer who is currently advising on the introduction of Neighbourhood Policing. The Panel considers this meeting will inform the Panel of the appropriate lines of enquiry they would take regarding the Scrutiny into NP.

**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: -

17<sup>th</sup> July 2006

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