

AGENDA ITEM: **8 b**

## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

22<sup>nd</sup> August 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 25<sup>th</sup> July 2006.

#### PROGRESS OF THE PANEL

3. The Community Safety and Leisure Scrutiny Panel held a meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> July 2006. At this meeting the Panel Received information from the Police regarding the introduction of Neighbourhood Policing into Middlesbrough. The Police informed the Panel that this initiative arose from the Police Reform Act 2002 and subsequently outlined the intention to implement proposals into Middlesbrough in October 2006. The intention is to inform members of the Public of its introduction by means of a leaflet with the aim that neighbourhood policing will attract greater community involvement with the Police.
4. The Panel is scheduled to visit Hartlepool on the 15<sup>th</sup> August, which is after the agenda is distributed for this meeting. Hartlepool is currently operating Neighbourhood Policing as a pathfinder initiative. Consequently the Panel

wants to know the difficulties encountered and the benefits derived from its introduction. The panel will be meeting the local Authority, the Police, and representatives of the community who can illustrate the impact NP has had. The panel also intends to travel to some areas of Hartlepool so they can see the geography of the area as a comparison to areas of Middlesbrough.

**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: -

10<sup>th</sup> August 2006

Contact: Peter Clark  
Senior Scrutiny Officer, Performance and Policy Directorate  
Telephone: 01642 729 708 (direct line)