

AGENDA ITEM: 9 b

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

17th October 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 19th September 2006.

PROGRESS OF THE PANEL

- 3 The Community Safety and Leisure Scrutiny Panel held a meeting on the 4th October 2006. At this meeting the Panel received an update from Cleveland Police regarding the introduction of Neighbourhood Policing into Middlesbrough.
- 4 **Neighbourhood Policing** The Panel were appraised that the intention to run a Pilot Neighbourhood Policing scheme in East Middlesbrough is currently on schedule and is targeted to go live on 22nd October 2006.

- 5 The aim is still to have all of Middlesbrough covered by Neighbourhood Policing which is intended will operate at ward level by April 2007 and the programme to deliver this is presently running in advance of the target date.
- 6 As indicated in the previous update. The Panel are visiting Sunderland Police on 17th October as Sunderland is currently operating a Neighbourhood Police system and the Panel wanted to engage with a Police BCU which was in the same profile group as Middlesbrough but was outside of the Cleveland Police control. The Panel is to receive information from the Police and also housing and operational staff, which is intended to outline some of the problems encountered and how they were handled.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

4th October 2006

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