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## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

12<sup>th</sup> December 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 14<sup>th</sup> November 2006.

#### PROGRESS OF THE PANEL

- 3 Community Safety and Leisure Scrutiny Panel held a meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> November 2006. At this meeting the Panel received an update regarding the Warden Service, as their Final review report was presented to the Executive shortly after the Mayor had initiated a managerial review of the Service. As a result of the review the Managerial responsibility changed from Environment to Social Care. The central focus being re aligned to that of Social involvement and community engagement as opposed to being drawn into Police issues. In recognising the intention was to increase public reassurance and restore public faith. The Panel requested to be appraised of the impact these changes had made and what evidence there was that the improvements

for the community had been achieved. This update was scheduled for November 06 and consequently, the Executive Member and Executive director attended the Panel and presented the update to the meeting.

- 4 The Panel had previously considered information from a Neighbourhood survey, which conveyed public use and opinion of the Warden Service. The Panel recognised that this survey was in advance of the changes in the service direction and also the managerial responsibility. The Panel had some concerns regarding the questions within the 2005/6 survey and consequently the Panel asked that a survey be constructed during 2006, which had input from people with knowledge of the service. Also that the draft survey be presented to the Panel during November 2006. The Panel was presented with an outline survey and three options for its circulation. The Panel appreciated that this questionnaire is more directly focused on engagement with the public and that option 3 which is to circulate the survey to users of the service should be undertaken.
- 5 The Panel also received a progress update on any outstanding 'Implementation of Recommendations' which relate to the Community Safety and Leisure Scrutiny Panel
- 6 The Panel will be holding its next meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> December, where it is requesting an update from the Community Protection service and also to consider some of the key recommendations for including into their final report.

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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

28<sup>th</sup> November 2006

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