

AGENDA ITEM: **9b**

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

28th AUGUST 2007

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 the previous meeting.

PROGRESS OF THE PANEL

- 3 **Teenagers Hanging Around** - The Community Safety and Leisure Scrutiny Panel held a meeting on the 1st August 2007. At this meeting the Panel established their Terms of Reference and also outlined the areas of enquiry they want to pursue.
- 4 The next meeting of the Panel is scheduled for the 22nd August which is following the distribution of this report and consequently the following represents the intention for the meeting.
 - **Item 1** Information on the 2007 Neighbourhood Survey with a copy of the Draft Survey for member consideration. Also circulation of :_
Neighbourhood Survey 2007 Research Principles

Executive Report for the 2007 Survey
The 2007 poster

- **Item 2** The Panel will be receiving information from the Community Protection Service regarding Teenagers Hanging Around and actions identified within the partnership for tackling residents concerns. Also any evidence of the links between perception and actual ASB with THA.
 - **Item 3** The Panel will also be receiving information from Safe in Tees Valley, which is a charitable crime prevention and community safety partnership. They have had a positive impact on reported anti-social behaviour. Safe in Tees valley have purchased a youth bus to work in the area and promote the respect agenda and address the issues associated with Teenagers Hanging Around and the success of this is to be conveyed at the meeting.
 - At present it is anticipated that the Safe in Tees Valley will arrange for the youth bus to be at the Town Hall which will provide the Panel with the opportunity to see the bus and ask any further questions regarding its operation.
- 5 The meeting following the 22 August is being programmed to receive information from the Leisure Service regarding the actions and facilities for Teenagers and what is presently being developed. Also it is the intention for the Police to be in attendance to outline the scale of any problems with THA and the impact on Anti Social behaviour.

COUNCILLOR SHAMAL BISWAS

CHAIR OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY AND LEISURE SCRUTINY PANEL

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

14TH AUGUST 2007

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