

AGENDA ITEM: **8b**

## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

24<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 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 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2007. At this meeting the Panel received information from three sources

**Item 1** Information on the 2007 Neighbourhood Survey and the BVPI survey, which was raised by the Auditor and became the basis for this Scrutiny

**Item 2** Information from the Community Protection service on the issues and approaches being taken to tackle THA

**Item 3** The Safe in Tees Valley, Force Youth Manager attended to present issues regarding the Youth Bus and the initiatives being developed and pursued to assist teenagers and also to divert them from ASB. Unfortunately the meeting ran out of time and the 'Safe in Tees Valley' could not convey the details they wanted to. Consequently the Panel has invited the Safe in Tees Valley representative to attend the meeting scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> September to present the detail the Panel had required.

The Youth Bus was provided by the 'Safe in Tees Valley' for member to see how it works etc, which actually worked very well.

- 4 Meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> September was arranged for the Safe in Tees Valley and the Councils Leisure service to attend. The Force Youth Manager attended again and outlined the actions undertaken by Safe in Tees Valley and ran a DVD showing the development of the Youth Bus and the activities it facilitated. This was followed by a presentation from the Sports and Leisure Services Manager regarding the range of facilities provided in Middlesbrough and how many of these are directed towards teenagers. Both presentations informed the Panel of the range of issues, which are, understood, influence teenagers and attract their attendance/involvement with events and activities.
- 5 The meeting following the 12<sup>th</sup> September is scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> October when the Police and Community Protection are programmed to be in attendance.

### **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: -

14<sup>th</sup> September 2007

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