

AGENDA ITEM: **8b**

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

11th March 2008

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 of 15th January.

PROGRESS OF THE PANEL

- 3 **Speed Cameras** -The Panel has established the Terms of Reference and the lines of enquiry for this Scrutiny examination. As referenced in the previous update the Panel intended to hold a half-day meeting on this subject where Members would receive information from the appropriate sources at one main session. Consequently, a half-day meeting was held on the 4th February where presentations from Middlesbrough Council, the Road Safety Partnership, Durham CC, Cleveland Police and Durham Police will all be present. The actual Panel meeting is held on the same day that these papers

are to be distributed. Consequently, I will update the Panel at the meeting on any areas of detail.

- 4 The Panel also held a meeting the following week on the 13th February, where they received information from the University of Teesside and also the Local Authority Road Safety Officers Association on the issues of accidents, collision and the impact Cameras may have on this. And road safety.
- 5 The Panel are scheduled to meet on the 5th March to discuss the their findings from these various sources of evidence and identify the key issues and proposals for presenting to this board. I will update the Board verbally at this meeting as this report was distributed in advance of the Panel meeting of the 5th March.

OTHER ISSUES

- 6 The Panel is also scheduled to receive an update regarding the Local Area Agreement and once again I will appraise the Panel verbally on this issue at the meeting as again this report is distributed in advance of the actual meeting.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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