

AGENDA ITEM: 12c

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

1st JULY 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 in May 2008.

PROGRESS OF THE PANEL

- 3 **Speed Cameras** -The Panel concluded its report into Speed cameras earlier this year and the report was considered by OSB at its meeting in May. The report is currently with the Executive and is scheduled to be placed before the Executive at their meeting of 24th June for consideration. As this report is the product of this Panel during the previous municipal year, I have asked the previous Chair, Councillor S Biswas to present the report to the Executive. As this progress report is being despatched before the Executive meeting I will update the Panel verbally at the meeting on the actions of the Executive.
- 4 **Respect Agenda / Youth Task Force** - The Panel received an update regarding the Youth Task Force at its meeting on 28th May 2008. The Respect

Agenda was identified as the next subject for consideration, however, this has recently been revised into a Youth Task Force, containing 18 actions and 20 intensive intervention projects as an extension of the Family Intervention Project. The Panel was appraised that the Youth Task Force Action Plan is programmed for April 2008 and the Panel received the information to assist when determining their 2008/09 work programme.

5 **Work programme.** The Panel met on 28th May and considered proposals and options for its future 2008/09 work programme which are to be presented to OSB for consideration. The Panel identified the following topics for the Overview and Scrutiny Boards consideration.

- Victims of Crime – Reporting back to victims which is understood to be well below the National Average.
- CCTV – What is the coverage the effectiveness and the future for CCTV in Middlesbrough.
- Youth Centres and - To Examine their use and benefit
Community Centres
- Golf Club - Benefit to the Community against the
Income and Financial support
required.
- Police Response - To various incidents,
Times Vehicle Crime
Burglary
Assault
Robbery
Accidents
Anti Social Behaviour

6 The Panel met again on the 19th June and received an overview of the operation of the Protection Service. This objective of this was to provide the Panel with a general understanding of the service and areas of potential enquiry which will inform the Panel on its future lines of enquiry. The Panel was also wanting representatives of Victim Support to attend, however, this opportunity was not taken up by the service. Should OSB agree the proposed programme then Victim Support will be approached directly for attendance at a future meeting.

7 The Panel also received an update on the Active Middlesbrough Strategy. This strategy was addressed by the Community Safety and leisure Scrutiny Panel some four years ago, from which it made a number of recommendations to the Executive. This meeting received the concluding report on the five year strategy and the achievements against primary aims. The Panel has also conveyed to the Service that it would want to receive information on any future strategy which is developed to follow this AMS report.

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CHAIR OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY AND LEISURE SCRUTINY PANEL

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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