

AGENDA ITEM: 7b

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

26th AUGUST 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 29th July 2008.

PROGRESS OF THE PANEL

- 3 **CCTV** -The Panel met on 30th July at the CCTV Control Room located at the First Floor, Middlesbrough Bus Station. The Panel observed the coverage provided by Town Centre CCTV and also received a presentation from the Security and Surveillance Manager on the history, associated costs, coverage and impact CCTV has had in Middlesbrough.
- 4 The Panel presented a range of questions regarding the CCTV operation and the benefits of early detection of crime and anti social behaviour. It was expressed how the use of CCTV has improved the efficiency of the Police and Fire Service by being able to more accurately identify the level of resources needed to be deployed to a situation requiring their attention.

- 5 It is understood the Town Centre CCTV operation in Newcastle is monitored by the Police and achieves a swift response by Police to identified incidents. The Panel has discussed the benefits of obtaining more information about Newcastle's operation and following discussion the Panel is scheduled to visit Newcastle's control room on the 27th August where they will be able to observe the operation and make appropriate enquiries.
- 6 The Panel is also intending to receive information from Cleveland Police on the use and benefits of CCTV in Middlesbrough. The intention is to receive information from Cleveland police on 10th September; however, at time of issue of this report the attendance of Cleveland Police has not been secured.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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