

AGENDA ITEM: 9b

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

21st October 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 23rd September 2008.

PROGRESS OF THE PANEL

- 3 **CCTV** -The Panel met on 29th September where it discussed the information received from the various visits and presentations regarding CCTV. The Panel has identified the key areas of its findings and is scheduled to meet on the 22nd of October to draft/finalise its proposals for submission to the Overview and Scrutiny Board.
- 4 **Sustainable Community Strategy** – The Panel was advised of the current draft of the three sub-chapters of the Sustainable Community Strategy updating the 2005 Community Strategy. Setting out the longer-term vision for the town and its priorities and targets.

Annex A - 'Creating Stronger Communities' strategy
Annex B- Strategic Priorities, Key Targets, LAA
Annex C 'Promoting Adult Health and Well Being,

5 Members raised a number of issues but the Panel considered the following should be presented to OSB.

- The link to the Promoting Health strategy was linked to Leisure and healthy activities.
- Middlehaven Ward was not included in the list of priority Wards and the Middlesbrough Partnership Manager agreed to investigate this as deprivation was as prevalent in Middlehaven as it was in the Wards in East Middlesbrough.
- The aim should be for the whole of Middlesbrough to be a Safer Community and not just the eight Wards listed in the Strategy and the wording should be amended to reflect this. Residents should be able to feel safe wherever they were in the town.
- The Panel questioned if the Strategy addressed the issues of asylum seekers, travellers and the migrant community, of which there were a high proportion in Middlesbrough. It was confirmed that this would be covered in the Community Cohesion Plan, which was a separate document to the Strategy.

NEXT TOPIC

6 The Panel will be addressing the next topic at their meeting of 22nd October and outlining their Terms of Reference.

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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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