

AGENDA ITEM: 12b

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

16th December 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 18th November 2008.

PROGRESS OF THE PANEL

- 3 **Victims of Crime** – The scrutiny panel met on 1st December when it confirmed the panels Terms of Reference and Lines of Enquiry for the scrutiny into Victims of Crime. At this meeting the panel received information from the Police regarding their practises and procedures from initial point of contact through to the alerting of agencies to ensuring victims awareness.
- 4 The panel was appraised that Middlesbrough is the busiest district within the Cleveland Police area and that detected crime is in the order of 36%. The panel was informed that the Police endeavour to respond to all victims of detected crime and at present they achieve approximately 80 to 85% response rate,

- 5 The panel had arranged to meet and engage with the Victim Support Service on the 23rd December however due to increasing demands on Members on that date the meeting with Victims of Crime has been rescheduled to the 14th January 2009.

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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: -

4th December 2008

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