

AGENDA ITEM: 14 B

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

25th AUGUST 2009

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 28th June 2009.

PROGRESS OF THE PANEL

- 3 **Final report – Fear of Crime.** The panel has concluded its report on Fear of Crime, which was addressing the issue of violent crime as brought forward in the Auditors Audit and Inspection letter. The Panel is presenting this report to the Board for its consideration.
- 4 **Mayors Citizen Charter –** The panel considered it beneficial to receive an outline of the intended Mayors Citizens Charter. Specifically the panel wanted to find the principles behind the proposal and how the Mayor intended to deliver it and the responsibilities of the individual. Consequently, the Mayor attended the panel meeting on 22nd July and conveyed to the panel his

intention regarding a, don't walk by approach and the need for the Council to set an example and build confidence in the public.

- 5 **Community Courts.** The Panels next subject is to address the issue of Community Justice Courts. Therefore at the Panel meeting of 12th August, the Panel received information from a CJC Magistrate and Clerk to the Court on the operation of the CJC. This also included outlining the 8 key principles of Community Justice. Community Justice is part of the Government's agenda to tackle anti social behaviour and the crime associated with it, making life better for everyone. Community Justice brings the justice system and the community together: solving problems, reducing crime and building confidence. To see how the Court operates in practice, members of the panel are intending to visit and observe a court in operation during August.
- 6 **CDRP.** The panel intends at its next meeting, scheduled for 2nd September to receive information from the Chair of the CDRP. This is now a statutory requirement of the local authority and the Panel will assess the issue on the 2nd September and consider what direction the Panel may wish to pursue in regard to the CDRP.

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CHAIR OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY AND LEISURE SCRUTINY PANEL

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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