

AGENDA ITEM: 13 B

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

22nd SEPTEMBER 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 25th August 2009.

PROGRESS OF THE PANEL

- 3 **Community Courts.** The Panel has received information from the Lead Magistrate and Court Manager on the history, principles and practices of Community Justice Courts (CJC) on 12th August 2009. Information regarding how this Community justice Initiative was sponsored by the Cleveland Criminal Justice Board for East Middlesbrough and how the CJC is structured and the powers it holds were received by the panel.
- 4 The panel visited the Magistrates Court and observed a Community Justice Court in operation on the 18th August. The Panel intends to address this visit to the court at their meeting scheduled for 24th September. At this meeting the

panel will also be receiving information from the Court Co-ordinator and the Community Justice Senior officer on the actual operation and effectiveness of the CJC in East Middlesbrough.

- 5 **Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership. (CDRP)** The panel held a meeting on the 2nd September involving the Vice Chair of the Safer Middlesbrough Partnership (SMP) and the partnership manager. The panel explored how the partnership is structured, how it connects with the Responsible Authorities Group (RAG). The panel has a responsibility to engage with the CDRP as the panel has new powers from April 2009 regarding the Scrutiny of this partnership. The panel has determined that the CDRP attend the panel in 6 months time when they can access the progress the CDRP has made. The panel may select to scrutinise other issues arising from their enquiries at this meeting.

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CHAIR OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY AND LEISURE SCRUTINY PANEL

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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