

AGENDA ITEM: 10b

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

9th FEBRUARY 2010

**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 12th January 2010.

PROGRESS OF THE PANEL

- 3 **Community Courts.** The last meeting of the panel was on the 6th January where the panel had intended to receive information from the Community Council regarding their assessment of the public's perception etc associated with the CJC at East Middlesbrough. However, due to unforeseen circumstances it was not possible and consequently this arrangement was re-scheduled for 27th January meeting.
- 4 Consequently, at that panel meeting the panel discussed their findings to date and also the benefits of engaging with offenders who have been through the

CJC process and are undertaking Community Payback Service in East Middlesbrough.

- 5 Arrangements were then made with the Probation Service for the panel to undertake a site visit to East Middlesbrough on the 27th January. During the meeting Members had the opportunity to observe the work of Community Payback as determined from the CJC. Members also engaged with offenders and the probation service to gain an understanding of how offenders felt about undertaking community payback work in the area they committed the crime.
- 6 The next meeting of the panel is on the 17th February where the panel intends to determine their findings from their Scrutiny into Community Justice Courts.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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