

AGENDA ITEM: 12b

## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

9<sup>th</sup> MARCH 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 9<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

#### PROGRESS OF THE PANEL

- 3 **Community Courts.** The last meeting of the panel was on the 17<sup>th</sup> February where the panel discussed and identified their conclusion to their Scrutiny into Community Justice Courts. The panel also outlined the key recommendations they intend to contain within their final report. The panel intends to address their report into Community Justice Courts at their next meeting.
- 4 **Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (SM. in Middlesbrough)** Under the Police and Justice Act, from April 2009 this panel has a statutory duty to address the CRP. The panel had an initial understanding meeting with

representatives of the partnership in September 2009 to gain an awareness of its operation. The Panel has directed that it wants to ask some specific questions of the partnership and has made arrangements for representatives of the partnership to attend a panel meeting in March.

- 5 **Future Scrutiny Topics.** The panel considered the next item on their work programme at its last meeting. The scheduled subject is to look at the effect the credit crunch has had on Middlesbrough's Sport and Leisure Facilities. This was to be followed by a Scrutiny into Selective Licensing. The panel has discussed these topics and considers that issue relation to leisure facilities may have been valid a year ago but is no longer considered a major factor today. The second subject on Licensing is presently being touched upon by the Regeneration panel and this panel would want to avoid any overlap or duplication.
- 6 Consequently the panel has discussed and identified two subjects it would ask the Board to give approval for the panel to undertake.  
The first topic the panel would want to address is  
Designated Public Place Order (DPPO's) Re the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001  
The following subject the panel would seek approval to address is  
Dangerous Dogs.
- 7 The panel next meeting is the 10<sup>th</sup> March, which is the day, following this Board meeting. In anticipation the panel has asked for the appropriate officers to attend to provide an outline of the powers and actions associated with DDPO's and the division between civil and criminal offences.

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**CHAIR OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY AND LEISURE SCRUTINY PANEL**

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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

18<sup>th</sup> February 2010

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