

**Community Safety and Leisure SCRUTINY PANEL
Community Justice Courts – ACTION PLAN**

20 July 2010

SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATION	PROPOSED ACTION	BY WHOM	BUDGET COST	TIMESCALE
a) That the Courts Service look for suitable locations within the community areas where a CJC's could be held. This could include a number of wards and forge a closer link between the community and the Court.	Consideration by Community Justice and Early Initiatives Team (CJEIT) though this concept had been discounted initially on efficiency and security grounds	CJEIT	N/A	September 2010
b) That the Council contributes to improving community awareness of the Courts function, its effectiveness and the link with the community as Justice seen-justice done.	Council staff and police attend community councils to brief where appropriate. Magistrates to be invited to 'community action days'. Middlesbrough News to cover notable events plus on going press releases. Environment Rep to brief Community Councils. Communi-K system to be developed further to accommodate this.	Council/police	N/A	September 2010
c) That the Council work through the SMP and Courts to promote the inclusion on Restorative Justice within the Community Justice Court function.	Youth Offender Panels now operational whereby referral orders may be used in place of custody. These involve victims with community volunteers forming panels.	YOS (Sue Matthews)	N/A	September 2010

d) That the Council undertakes discussions with the Courts to promote the option for running a CJC with a single Judge as opposed to a selection of magistrates.	Consideration by Community Justice and Early Initiatives Team (CJEIT)	CJEIT	N/A	September 2010
e) That the Council works closely with the Probation Service to improve community awareness of the Community Payback (CP) function and encourage the Community and local organisations to propose new projects for CP.	As (b) above plus Youth Offending Service via Probation will leaflet areas that benefit from community payback, and request bids for further work. Communi-K system to be developed further to accommodate this.	Council/probation	N/A	September 2010
f) That the Council work with the SMP to assess the effectiveness of agencies working together and address the incompatibility of the IT links between agencies with the aim of improving the efficiency.	Consideration by Community Justice and Early Initiatives Team (CJEIT)	CJEIT	N/A	September 2010
g) To rebuild the links between the various agencies involved with the Community Justice Initiative and the Community Councils and Councillors to develop improved community awareness.	See (b) above	Ward councillors Community Council liaison staff	N/A	Commence September 2010
h) For the Police to involve the Ward Councillor when establishing a Community Impact Statement (CIS)	Now part of police training within neighbourhood teams	Police	N/A	N/A
i) In winter the Council to engage with the Probation Service and for offenders to be directed towards clearing snow etc as a community payback task and ensure the public are made aware of this contribution.	Feasibility to be examined and arrangements made in autumn	Director of Environment	N/A	October 2010

<p>j) To present to the Courts Service that where practicable, look towards having agencies located in one venue and also establish a nominated representative from each agency as the recognised link to a CJC.</p>	<p>Services in Mbro already linked though not co located. Pilot in Northumbria on co location of 'back office' functions to be examined once pilot completed</p>	<p>CJEIT</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>March 2011</p>
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