

AGENDA ITEM: 13 b

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

7th December 2010

<p>COMMUNITY SAFETY and LEISURE SCRUTINY PANEL</p> <p>PROGRESS REPORT</p>

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 16th November 2010.

PROGRESS OF THE PANEL

- 3 **Designated Public Place Order (DPPO).** The panel addressed and approved their report into DPPO's at their meeting of 17th November. The report is to be considered by OSB at this meeting.
- 4 **Food Star Ratings.** The panel addressed their next subject for consideration at their meeting of 17th November, which is Food Star Ratings (Controls, how applied, benefits achieved etc). Consequently, the panel agreed for a representative from Community Protection to attend they next meeting, which was 15th December 2010 to outline the basic purpose, awareness and application of the food hygiene system, from which the panel will determine their Terms of Reference.

- 5 The panel received a substantial amount of information about how the scheme works and how the inspections are undertaken. Although the scheme complies with the national code of practice. The panel was informed that the Food Standards Agency has launched a national scheme and that while not compulsory for Local Authorities to move over to that scheme the Environment department is monitoring its development and will report back to the panel in due course.
- 6 The panel concluded that sufficient information was provided which informed the panel sufficiently of the strengths of the scheme. The panel considered it was a valuable scheme and importantly informed the public and important information regarding hygiene. Consequently the panel has determined not to pursue this subject through a full scrutiny.
- 7 **Diverting young people away from crime and ASB.** The panel's statutory duty to hold the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership to account resulted in the panel paying specific attention to one strategic priority.
- 8 Consequently the panel met in March 2010 and made enquiries into the Strategic Priority of - "Diverting young people away from crime and ASB". Basically, what progress had been made in this area. and enquired how this was going to be achieved etc. In July an outline was presented to the panel expressing that a number of initiatives are being introduced to divert young people away from crime and anti social behaviour. The panel received a report and update at their meeting of 17th November 2010 outlining the progress and achievement in this area.
- 9 **Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act. (RIPA)** The panel received an introduction to the operation and restraints associated with RIPA last year and there is a requirement for an annual update on the regulations and the Councils use of this facility.
- 10 Consequently, The panel received an update on Government changes to the legislation for the application of this RIPA. The panel was informed of the wants to know what these changes are, how often the Council uses this facility and for what purpose. This has been scheduled for the panel meeting of 15th December.
- 11 **Middlesbrough Golf Centre.** At the panel meeting of 15th December the panel addressed the topics approved by OSB to identify its next subject. The panel identified that it would undertake a Scrutiny into the Golf Centre and arrangements have been made for the Environment department to provide the panel with information regarding the operation and Council funding to support the centre at its meeting scheduled for 5th January 2011

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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