

AGENDA ITEM: 10 b

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

8th MARCH 2011

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 8th February 2011.

PROGRESS OF THE PANEL

- 3 **Domestic Violence Strategy.** The panel was aware that a domestic violence strategy was to be presented to the Executive for consideration on 1st March 2011. Consequently, the panel requested that the draft strategy be presented to the panel for awareness and consideration at their meeting of 16th February.
- 4 The panel was informed that this is Middlesbroughs third Domestic Violence Strategy, the first strategy commencing in 2004, and it sits alongside other strategies, which are aimed to assist and protect the vulnerable. The panel was informed that the strategy focuses on tackling more than physical

violence but also other forms of psychological and emotional abuse, incorporating sexual violence.

- 5 The 2011 –2014 Strategy has a range of guiding principles and sets out to identify the gaps and develop approaches to tackle those issues. In addition to the Strategy the panel was presented with an action plan, which is monitored by the Domestic Violence Strategy Group and then the LSP (or whichever body may replace the LSP during the life of this strategy).
- 6 The panel was impressed with the strategy and that it provoked a number of issues the panel intends to present to the Overview and Scrutiny Board for consideration when determining next years work programme. The panel indicated that they would want to give this subject a priority status when being considered.
- 7 Future meeting. The panel agreed that the next meeting should focus on agreed recommendations of the panel, which were adopted into executive decisions to assess the actual impact once implemented. The panel will be looking at decisions taken over the last 2 years, which would have provided enough time for implementation and for an impact assessment to be made.

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SCRUTINY PANEL**

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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