

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

6th MARCH 2012

<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 7th February 2012.

PROGRESS OF THE PANEL

- 3 **Coroners Service.** The Scrutiny panel held a meeting on the 8th February which was essentially termed a round table meeting as its purpose was to bring together the key players involved with delivering the Coroners Service. Consequently, the Coroner, Deputy Coroner, Head of Legal, Manager Coroners Officers, Police officer, Coroners admin all attended and gave evidence. The focus of the meeting was to raise issues that had emerged previously with the panel had which were considered influential to causing delays. This meeting was aimed at confronting those issues and provide a facility for all parties to have the opportunity to clarify the issues raised by the panel.

- 4 The next panel meeting is scheduled for the 29th February. The intention at this meeting is to address the issue of cost effectiveness of the Coroners Service. In doing so will have in attendance the Coroner and the Head of Legal for Middlesbrough Council who is the holder of the Coroners budget. As this meeting is after the distribution of this agenda but before this OSB meeting, I will update the meeting verbally on issues arising.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

COUNCILLOR FRANCES McINTYRE

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

24th February 2012

Contact: Peter Clark
Senior Scrutiny Officer, Legal and Democratic Services.
Telephone: 01642 729 708 (direct line)