

# MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM: 12b

## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

16<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2012

### 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.

#### PROGRESS OF THE PANEL

- 3 **Neighbourhood Watch,** The panel held its meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> September when it met with residents who are representatives of Neighbourhood Watch schemes within Middlesbrough. The panel heard how they received information from the Police but appeared to be unaware of any actual Executive operating for NW in Middlesbrough. The representatives were also unsure why the participation from residents in Middlesbrough was so low,
- 4 The Panel continue to be searching for the reason why there was such a significant difference between the Membership at Stockton, and indeed other areas within the Tees Valley compared to Middlesbrough. Consequently, the panel has invited the Problem solving co-ordinator for Stockton on Tees to attend the next meeting, which is following the

distribution of this report but in advance of this meeting. Consequently, I will update the Board verbally on any key issues, which arise.

- 5 The panel has also indicated that it wants additional information regarding the plans and intentions to develop Neighbourhood Watch in Middlesbrough and the progress in establishing/increasing awareness of an executive. In this regard the Panel has invited the problem solving co-ordinator for Middlesbrough to attend its next meeting.
- 6 Also the Panel is aware that the Neighbourhood Watch in Cleveland is advertised as a partnership, which involves the Police, Community Safety Departments of Local Authorities and residents of local communities. Consequently, the panel has invited representation from this Council to attend this meeting to discuss the role of the Local Authority in regard to Neighbourhood Watch in Middlesbrough.

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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

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