

# MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM: 9 (b)

## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

11<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 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 **Coroners Service**, The panel's final report was considered by OSB at its last meeting. The report will be presented to the Executive at its meeting scheduled for 4<sup>th</sup> December 2012, which is following the distribution of this agenda but prior to this meeting. Consequently, I will report verbally at the meeting on any issues arising.
- 4 **Neighbourhood Watch**, The panel has completed its report into Neighbourhood watch which is presented at this meeting to the Board for consideration.
- 5 **Leisure Services** – At the panel's last meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> November the panel received information from the service and Executive Member regarding the progress for exploring conversion to a Leisure Trust. The panel was informed of the potential financial benefits of this action but

also how it removes the Council's ability to directly manage some issues. The panel considers that there are some risks associated with this move to leisure trust and will be gaining clarity, on the legal issues associated with a move to a trust at its next meeting.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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

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29<sup>th</sup> November 2012

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