

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM: 11(b)

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

20th AUGUST 2013

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 The Community Safety and Leisure Scrutiny panel met on the 17th July to consider the subjects of Domestic Violence and the development in the review of Leisure Services.
- 4 Unfortunately, this meeting was not quorate and consequently the meeting could not proceed. Apologies were conveyed to the officers who had prepared papers and attended the meeting. Arrangements were subsequently made to address these issues at the panel meeting scheduled for 14th August.
- 5 This report is distributed to the Board before the panel meeting of 14th August is held. I will therefore update the Board verbally on significant issues at the meeting. The issues to be considered on the 14th August are as follows :-

- 6 **Domestic Violence.** The panel had identified Domestic Violence as a subject for a previous scrutiny. The panel found during this Scrutiny that this valuable work was very funding dependant from a range of sources. The panel has arranged to receive its annual update on the delivery of the Middlesbrough Domestic Violence Strategy (2011-2014). at its next meeting on the 14th August 13.
- 7 The panel will be looking at the pressures presently placed on this service and its future. The areas it will be addressing at its meeting of the 14th August are
- Current commissioning arrangements and identified risks
 - Challenges to delivering the domestic violence agenda
 - Considerations following organisational restructure
 - Proposed future actions and recommendations
- 8 **Leisure Service.** The panel addressed this issue in March when Members raised a number of issues and concerns associated with Leisure. At that time the panel was informed that a fundamental review of the Councils Leisure provision was to be undertaken. Initially by external consultant but then subsequently directed to internal services. Consequently, the panel will be receiving this information at its meeting of the 14th August 2013
- 9 The items mainly focused on Prissick Park, Playing Pitch Strategy; Leisure needs analysis (which would be aimed to inform the future provision required in Middlesbrough). Other items such as the cycle facilities, pitch and put usage were also raised for clarity.
- 10 **Prison Visit.** Contained within the approved panels work programme for 2013 –14 is the subject of Prisoners placements. Consequently, when an opportunity arose for the panel to have a guided visit of Kirklevington Prison it was considered very timely and hence a visit was undertaken on the 30th July

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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