

# MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM: 12(b)

## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 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 11<sup>th</sup> September and will meet again on the 9<sup>th</sup> October, which is after the distribution of this report. The following outlines the progress and intention of those two meetings.

##### 11<sup>th</sup> September Meeting

- 4 **Police Horses** The panel recognises the decision to no longer provide a mounted division within Cleveland due to increased financial pressures on the service. However the panel wants to know the consequential affects of such a decision and in particular the impact for Middlesbrough.
- 5 At this meeting the panel was provided with information received from Cleveland Police. However, Members considered there were a number of questions they wanted clarity on and consequently the panel has requested the attendance of the Police and a representative of the PCP to attend the meeting scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> October to provided this clarity.
- 6 **Dangerous Dogs.** The panel was aware that the issue of dangerous dogs in Middlesbrough had been raised and therefore wanted an update regarding the present legislation to control such dogs. The panel also wanted to know how controls are placed on such dogs and how significant the issue is in

Middlesbrough, Consequently, officers attended to meeting to provide the detail required. The panel intends to monitor the situation with six monthly updates.

**9<sup>th</sup> October Meeting**

- 7 **Police Horses** – Following the meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> September, the Police and PCP have been invited to attend this meeting to provide clarity to Members enquiries regarding the consequential effects on Middlesbrough from removing the Police Horse section in Cleveland.
- 8 **Prisoner Placements.** The panel has identified Prisoner Placements as the next topic on their work programme. This item will specifically look at the issues of day release and working in or for the community.
- 9 Although on the work programme, Members of the panel were invited on a visit to Kirklevington Prison on the 30<sup>th</sup> July where an informative guided tour was provided by the prison staff on the facilities and operation of the prison.
- 10 This meeting is designed to provide a solid foundation for the Scrutiny and therefore has a representative of Kirklevington prison to attend and outline to Members the prisons structured approach towards prisoner's rehabilitation into society and the proactive development of prisoners while in prison. Members will have the opportunity to gain an understanding of prisoner placements which will assist the panel in determining their Terms of Reference

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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

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