

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM: 8b

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

10th DECEMBER 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 20th November. The following outlines the progress and intention of that meeting.

20th November Meeting

- 4 **Crime Data** The panel identified in May 2013 that certain crime data from Neighbourhood safety teams was not included and that also since street wardens started using the Flair system that their data was not available for inclusion in the analysis for crime data.
- 5 Consequently, on the 30th October the panel met with the Safer Middlesbrough Partnership (SMP) and the Probation service to identify the difficulties and explore areas for improvement. Resulting from this the Panel wanted to compare and contrast with another Crime and Disorder reduction partnership.
- 6 At the meeting of 20th November the panel met with representatives from the Safer Stockton partnership who outlined their systems and areas of Crime Data. The Panel derived valuable information from this meeting and will be preparing a brief report on its findings.

18th December Meeting

- 7 The next subject the panel is to address is the 'Exploitation of Children'. Although this meeting has not taken place at time of this report. Arrangements have been made to meet with Barnardo's (Re SECOS) The Local Authority, Children Social Care and also the Chairman of the Local Safeguarding Children Board. (LSCB's)
- 8 The intention is to gain a greater understanding of this growing problem which will ensure Members are better informed to set their 'Terms of Reference' and 'Lines of Enquiry'.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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