

# MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

## AGENDA ITEM 11 (b)

### OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

1 APRIL 2014

<b>COMMUNITY SAFETY AND LEISURE SCRUTINY PANEL – UPDATE</b>
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#### **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1. To provide members of the Overview & Scrutiny Board of the progress made to date by the Community Safety and Leisure Scrutiny Panel.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

2. That the Board notes the progress of the Community Safety and Leisure Scrutiny function.

#### **CONSIDERATION**

3. The panel met on 19 March to receive information from the Deputy Director of Safeguarding, Service Manager – Intervention and the Team Leader from Barnardos. The panel received information on the processes the Council has in place to address the issue of Child Sexual Exploitation and specifically what preventative work was being undertaken and what happens when a vulnerable child is identified.
4. The panel agreed their terms of references as follows
  - a. Assess the level of the problem of exploited children in Middlesbrough
  - b. Assess how effective relevant agencies are in arresting growth and combating the problem.
  - c. Identify areas where the Council or other agencies can contribute to tackling the exploitation of children.

**The panel's next meeting**

5. The panel's next meeting is scheduled for 9 April, where a round table discussion has been organised with a number of agencies, including Barnardos, the Local Safeguarding Children Board and the Integrated Youth Support Service.

**Future Meetings**

6. From discussions at the last meeting the panel have identified that they would like to speak to representatives from the police and schools.

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Chair, Community Safety and Leisure Scrutiny Panel**

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

No background papers were used to prepare this briefing paper.

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