

# MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

## AGENDA ITEM 10 (b)

### OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

15 SEPTEMBER 2015

<p><b>COMMUNITY SAFETY &amp; LEISURE SCRUTINY PANEL - PROGRESS REPORT</b></p>
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#### PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To provide members of the Overview and Scrutiny Board (OSB) with an update on the work of the Community Safety and Leisure Scrutiny Panel.

#### BACKGROUND

2. Since the last report to OSB, the Community Safety and Leisure Scrutiny Panel has met on two occasions on 27 August 2015 and 14 September.
3. At that meeting the Chief Superintendent of Cleveland Police and the Head of Rehabilitation and Reoffending at Holme House Prison were in attendance.
4. Information was provided to the Panel on a number of issues including:-
  - An overview of the support provided to offenders in prison to prevent them from re-offending on release
  - The diverse range of employment and learning opportunities available in Holme House Prison
  - An insight into the various challenges presented by prisoner drug use
  - A breakdown of reconviction probability rates
  - The implementation of the Through the Gate project
5. The Chief Superintendent provided information on the Integrated Offender Management (IOM) scheme to manage prolific and priority offenders and high crime causes with the aim to prevent reoffending. The Panel heard that 35 adult offenders had been identified in Middlesbrough as being most likely to re-offend and are engaged in the IOM programme. A whole host of partners are included in the IOM scheme including drug and alcohol treatment services, probation, Police, housing and local authorities.
6. It was highlighted that in terms of IOM's success in reducing re-offending, the Panel

was advised that there has been prolific offenders from 2010/11 who had not re-offended since and any successes are significant in reducing crime in the area.

7. At the panel's meeting on the 14 September the Panel is scheduled to receive an update from the Assistant Director Safeguarding and Children's Care on Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) in Middlesbrough.
8. An overview of the Council's response to the Prevent agenda is also scheduled and a verbal update will be provided to the Board at today's meeting.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

9. That the Overview and Scrutiny Board notes the content of the report and the updated position.

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