

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 14 (b)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

13 OCTOBER 2015

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| <p>COMMUNITY SAFETY & LEISURE SCRUTINY PANEL - PROGRESS REPORT</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 one occasion on 14 September.
3. At that meeting the Assistant Director of Safeguarding and Children's Care was in attendance alongside the Independent Chair of the Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) to provide an update on the topic of Child Sexual Exploitation in Middlesbrough.
4. Information was provided to the Panel on a number of issues including:-
 - The work undertaken by the Tees Strategic VEMT (Vulnerable, Exploited, Missing or Trafficked) Group
 - The work undertaken to address risk and provide actions to support vulnerable children and young people in Middlesbrough
 - Providing Information / Intelligence to Cleveland Police and the development of the 'Information Report Child Sexual Exploitation
 - The number of young people assessed as being high risk in Middlesbrough and the number of young people regularly missing from home.
5. The Chair of the Local Safeguarding Children's Board also advised that the Strategic VEMT and Tees LSCBs have also undertaken two publicity campaigns:
 - Say Something if you see something
 - In the wrong hands

6. The panel also heard that in respect of the cross governmental inquiry into CSE had concluded that there is clear acceptance of the challenge in Middlesbrough and practice that appears to be very positive.
7. An overview of the Council's response to the Prevent agenda was also presented. Following the presentation the Panel requested that an all Member seminar on the topic be arranged for all Members. The Community Safety and Leisure Scrutiny Panel will an all Member seminar on the topic of Prevent on 27 October 2015.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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