

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL
OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

AGENDA ITEM 10(b)

8 DECEMBER 2015

COMMUNITY SAFETY & LEISURE SCRUTINY PANEL
PROGRESS REPORT

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 16 November 2015
3. At that meeting the Chief Executive of Durham Tees Valley (DTV) Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC) and the Head of Offender Services at DTV CRC were in attendance.
4. The panel was provided with an overview of the Ministry of Justice 2013 Transforming Rehabilitation programme of probation reforms, which has split probation services into two new organisations. A new public sector National Probation Service (NPS) dealing with all those who pose the highest risk of serious harm to the public and twenty one Community Rehabilitation Companies (CRC) managing all other offenders.
5. The Chief Executive of DTV CRC informed the panel that the Offender Rehabilitation Act 2014, which came into force on 1 February 2015, introduced a number of changes to release arrangements including the introduction of post-sentence supervision for offenders serving custodial sentences of less than 2 years. Eligible offenders will receive 12 months of supervision after release.
6. The panel was reassured to hear that DTV's approach to reducing offending is to 'do the right thing' through investing in Integrated Offender Management and the 'through the gate' programme and is not driven by financial incentives.
7. Information on the community payback schemes currently supported by DTV CRC in Middlesbrough was also discussed and the panel was advised that any member of the public can nominate a community payback project via both the Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC) website and DTV CRC website.

8. In addition to the above the panel's annual update in respect of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) was presented. It was highlighted that 4 RIPA applications had been made by Middlesbrough Council in 2015.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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