

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 8(b)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

13 SEPTEMBER 2016

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 (CSL) Scrutiny Panel.

BACKGROUND

2. The Community Safety and Leisure Scrutiny last met on 12 September 2016.
3. The panel has selected 'Street Beggars' as its first review topic for 2016/17 and representatives from a range of organisations including Cleveland Police, Thirteen and Middlesbrough Council have been invited to attend the panel meeting to discuss this issue.
4. It is intended that the meeting will focus on three key areas as follows:
 - The impact of anti-social behaviour / crime perpetrated by beggars
 - The source of the issue i.e. drugs / alcohol
 - The support available - homelessness advice / provision of drug and alcohol treatment programmes
5. At the time of writing this report the panel meeting is yet to be held. A verbal update on the evidence received by the panel will therefore be provided at the OSB meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND PAPERS

7. The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:
- Agenda and meeting papers – Community Safety & Leisure Scrutiny Panel – 12 September 2016.

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