

## **Housing and Community Safety Select Committee**

### **Review of Neighbourhood Policing/Neighbourhood Watch/Outward facing aspects of CCTV**

#### **Chair's Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 23 December 2008**

##### **Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)**

The Committee have completed their review of Registered Social Landlords, and the new review is examining Neighbourhood Policing/Neighbourhood Watch/Outward facing aspects of CCTV. The Committee considered the scope and project plan for the review at a meeting on 13 November.

At a meeting on 18 December, the Committee investigated the issue of Neighbourhood Watch, and received evidence from Ron Baker (District Liaison Officer, Cleveland Police), Anne Howard (Chair of Stockton District Neighbourhood Watch), and Inspector Andy Fox (Cleveland Police).

Chief Inspector Ted Allen of Stockton Police has been invited to be the Committee's link officer with the police. To inform the review, consultation is taking place with residents (via MORI, and potentially focus groups), area partnerships, Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators, resident groups, and all Members will be surveyed.

##### **Timescale for review**

The review is scheduled to report to Cabinet in April 2009.

The review of Registered Social Landlords was submitted to Cabinet for their consideration on 6 November, and all recommendations were accepted.

During the review of RSLs, the Committee requested an informal session of the Committee to be held in order to inform Members of key issues and initiatives relating to the current national (and constantly changing) housing market, and their impact on the Borough. This took place on 17 November and all Members were invited.

##### **Monitoring**

At the meeting on 18 December, the Action Plan in relation to the implementation of recommendations from the RSLs review was considered. At the same meeting, Progress Updates on the review of Choice Based Lettings, and review of ASB, were also received.