

COMMUNITY JUSTICE INITIATIVE (CJI)

1. Attached for information is a set of notes prepared by staff of the Cleveland Criminal Justice Board providing an outline of a discussion on this issue which took place on 14 March 2008.
2. It was apparent that the LCJB partner agencies have not yet fully worked out their position on rolling out the CJI to other parts of Cleveland, beyond the initial pilot scheme in Middlesbrough, with representatives from the Courts, CPS and Probation all expressing doubts about their ability to resource and sustain a similar approach elsewhere.
3. In addition the officer from the Courts Service who has been acting as CJI Co-ordinator on secondment is returning to her substantive role, and this role has been advertised as a secondment opportunity with a closing date of 30 April.
4. What was clear from this meeting was that the CJI requires significant community development / neighbourhood management input in order to work effectively. In East Middlesbrough this has been provided by the 'STEM' project.
5. A seminar is being held on the issue on Wednesday 7 May at Middlesbrough Teaching and Learning Centre between 10.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m., with inputs on community impact statements, Section 178 reviews, and Restorative Justice and problem solving, followed by group discussions for
 - magistrates
 - project and communications managers
 - police options
 - probation
6. A meeting took place on 21 April between Kellie Hopkins, Neighbourhood Manager for Parkfield / Mill Lane, CI Gary Gamesby, Miriam Robertson, Sarah Graham from the Council's Community safety Team and Mike Batty to explore the principle of piloting CJI in Central Stockton and it was agreed that the next best step would be to attend the 7 May seminar.

