

## **CROSS TEES VALLEY WORKING ON COMMUNITY SAFETY**

1. A meeting was held on 10 April attended by representatives of GONE, the Community Safety leads from Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar & Cleveland and Stockton Councils, representatives of the Chief Constables of Durham and Cleveland, and a public health representative (prospective new Director of Public Health for Hartlepool).
2. The background to this meeting is set out in the paper attached as Appendix A, and followed on from similar work in Tyne & Wear. GONE reps stated that collaborative working is more developed in Tees Valley than in Tyne & Wear.
3. A wide ranging discussion took place about issues on which it might be useful to work in a more collaborative way, in developing
  - a) a focus on work with children and young people, particularly on youth diversion work
  - b) reducing re-offending and offender management initiatives
  - c) criminal damage
  - d) alcohol harm reduction
  - e) counter- terrorism
4. The end point of the session was a consensus that the two best issues on which to focus over the next 12 months would be
  - a) sharing of data and intelligence – GONE would commission a short 'think piece' on how to take this forward; and
  - b) fear of crime, perceptions and reassurance – GONE would commission an academic to follow-up with a series of bilateral sessions, leading to a paper for further collective discussion.