

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....12th March 2015

1. Title of Item/Report

Scrutiny Review of Neighbourhood Policing

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report that presented the Housing and Community Safety Select Committee findings following the Scrutiny Review of Neighbourhood Policing.

The review considered the impact of the ongoing budget reductions and recent Cleveland Police restructure on the operation of neighbourhood policing in Stockton Borough. A number of the recommendations were for Cleveland Police.

Following consideration by Cabinet an action plan would be submitted to the Select Committee setting out how approved recommendations would be implemented detailing officers responsible for action and timescales.

RESOLVED that:-

1. As part of its overall consultation and engagement strategy, Cleveland Police and the Council ensure a consistent approach to communications, including:-

a) a consistent approach to the use of social media by local neighbourhood teams, using the good practice that exists in the Force;

b) the Council's Community Safety Manager and Police keep under review information sharing with the Council to ensure it remains effective and any changes in key contacts are communicated in a timely manner;

c) a recommendation to all Members that they keep up to date with changes in their local areas, including by accessing Cleveland Police's 'My Neighbourhood' website. A link to this should be included on the Council's intranet.

d) following the election, all Members consider what, if any, additional, appropriate methods of communicating with their local police team are

required.

2. Cleveland Police provide annual updates on the policing of Stockton Borough to all Members, and this take place using the existing update session when the Police and Crime Commissioner consults all Members on his Budget and Plan;

3. a) the increased range of responsibilities of Integrated Neighbourhood Teams be noted, and that work to define and explain the revised role of neighbourhood policing be supported;

b) all Members recognise the recent changes, and use their key role in communities to explain the role and capacity of local police teams.

4. a) the Housing and Community Safety Select Committee notes and values the work of the Community Safety Team, and Members should continue to receive regular ASB patrol updates from the community safety team and maintain links with their local ASB officer;

b) the Housing and Community Safety Select Committee notes and values the work of the Safer Stockton Partnership, and the importance of maintaining representation from all appropriate bodies.

4. The excellent partnership working between the Council and Cleveland Police be recognised and supported.

6. a) Cleveland Police regularly monitor and share with partners the Public Confidence Survey results and other related consultation feedback;

b) Work be undertaken by the Police and Crime Panel to further understand changes in public confidence, expectations, and fear of crime issues.

3. Reasons for the Decision

The report presents the findings of the scrutiny review that took place as part of the agreed work programme for 2013/14.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight on Friday, 20th March 2015

Proper Officer  
16 March 2015