

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....21st January 2021

1. Title of Item/Report

Crime and Disorder Select Committee - Scrutiny Review of Fly-Grazed Horses

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to the final report that presented the outcome of the Crime & Disorder Select Committee review of Fly-Grazed Horses.

RESOLVED that:-

1. Cleveland Police, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (SBC) and other relevant partners, in conjunction with any other interested Tees Valley Local Authorities, develop a joint formal policy document to address the fly-grazing of horses on both Council and non-Council land, clearly outlining the roles and responsibilities of the relevant organisations.

2. The agreed joint formal policy is made publicly available, with specific awareness-raising work undertaken with local horse-owners.

3. There is improved presence (e.g. dedicated webpage) on the Council website around the issue of fly-grazed horses, including key (non-personal) contacts (Council and other partners) / links to guidance / tips for landowners / formal policy (once finalised), etc.

4. Where identified, SBC continue to work with landowners (particularly those previously / currently affected by this issue) to reinforce their rights and obligations, as well as avenues of wider support and guidance.

5. Further investigation of potential Council land for a licenced grazing pilot scheme be undertaken as part of the wider SBC Asset Review (ensuring input from the Council's Environmental Health department).

6. Relevant SBC departments identify specific areas of Council land requiring a zero-tolerance approach based on location alone, along with an assessment of the resources required to support the enforcement of the new formal policy on these pieces of land and any other land where a horse's presence poses an identified risk.

7. Consideration be given to arranging a future microchipping clinic in the Borough (in conjunction with the British Horse Society).

8. An Officer network group to encourage regular collaboration (including the sharing of best practice around this issue) between the Council and relevant partners regarding fly-grazed horses be created.

3. Reasons for the Decision

This topic was included in the Scrutiny Work Programme for 2019-2020, though as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the evidence-gathering was paused during the review which had an impact on the originally intended timescales for reporting to Cabinet. The review is now complete, and the recommendations have been endorsed by the Crime and Disorder Select Committee for submission to Cabinet.

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 - Friday 29th January 2021.

Proper Officer  
25 January 2021