

Cabinet

A meeting of Cabinet was held on Thursday, 20th May, 2021.

Present: Cllr Robert Cook, (Chair), Cllr Jim Beall, Cllr Nigel Cooke, Cllr Lisa Evans, Cllr Mrs Ann McCoy, Cllr Steve Nelson, Cllr Michael Smith

Officers: Garry Cummings (F,D&BS), Jamie McCann (CS), Beccy Brown, Jonathan Nertney (HR&L), John Devine, Rachel Harrison, Nigel Hart, Rebecca Saunders-Thompson, Gary Woods (MD).

Also in attendance: Cllrs Barlow, Pauline Beall, Gamble and Stephenson O.B.E.

Apologies: None

CAB 84/20 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor McCoy declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in respect of the item entitled Scrutiny Review of Fraud Awareness as she was a member of SDAIS, referred to within the report.

CAB 85/20 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd April 2021-For Approval/Signature**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd April 2021 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

CAB 86/20 **Crime and Disorder Select Committee - Scrutiny Review of Fraud Awareness (Personal)**

Consideration was given to the final report that presented the outcome of the Crime & Disorder Select Committee review of Fraud Awareness (Personal).

RESOLVED that:-

- 1) Representation is made to Action Fraud encouraging the sharing of relevant fraud information with the Local Authority (reflective of this review and in support of the National Trading Standards position);
- 2) Cleveland Police consider the existing resources it has in place to tackle fraud, with a view to facilitating the disruption and prevention of fraud being committed in the first place, in addition to the investigation and prosecution of such crime;
- 3) Cleveland Police maximise the Neighbourhood Policing model to aid in identifying and supporting vulnerable residents, providing regular updates on the latest fraud-related activity and how residents can protect themselves (e.g. utilising the new Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for Cleveland monthly e-newsletter);
- 4) All local partners continue sharing and disseminating key anti-fraud messages, emerging threats, reporting mechanisms and existing fraud-related resources via all available platforms (not just online);
- 5) Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council includes a regular fraud-related feature in

Stockton News which details the latest scams, reinforces reporting routes, and, where possible, highlights the prevalence of fraud against particular age-groups, including those under 40 years-old.

6) Relevant data and key messages for young people around fraud crime be shared with the Council's Bright Minds Big Futures (BMBF) initiative to facilitate strengthened awareness-raising with that specific demographic;

7) The feasibility of supporting Age UK Teesside to extend its provision of digital projects (enabling older people to learn about devices / how to use the internet) in Middlesbrough / Redcar and Cleveland to Stockton-on-Tees is further explored.

**CAB
87/20** **Volunteering Strategy 2021**

Cabinet was invited to approve a proposed Volunteering Strategy for the Borough produced by the Council and Catalyst in collaboration with many partner organisations.

The strategy reflected the experiences and interests of a representative range of organisations as there were many charities and organisations already delivering high quality, valuable volunteering activity across the Borough.

The strategy aims set out a vision for continued development whilst setting out the commitment that the Council and Catalyst would make to support partners organisations in delivery of the vision.

RESOLVED that the proposed Volunteering Strategy be approved.

**CAB
88/20** **Place Select Committee - Scrutiny Review of Burial Provision**

Consideration was given to the final report that presented the outcome of the Place Select Committee review of Burial Provision.

RESOLVED that:-

1. A new burial site be provided that would meet the following criteria:

- Located in the central or western areas of the Borough
- Provision for more than 100 years
- Accessible via public transport
- Preferably land already owned by Stockton Borough Council

2. Officers undertake further surveys and investigations into potential sites to determine if they are suitable for burial provision.

3. Consideration is given to an additional, smaller burial site in the south of the Borough and that officers consult with the appropriate Ward Members and Town and Parish Councils to determine if this can be facilitated through collaboration.

