

Housing and Community Safety Select Committee

A meeting of the Housing and Community Safety Select Committee was held on Wednesday, 15th February 2006.

Present: Councillor Mrs Fletcher (Chairman), Councillors Brown, Jones, Mrs Nesbitt, Rix, Trainer, Walmsley and Woodhead.

Officers: P K Bell, Miss S Connolly (LD).

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Apedaile, Baker, Miss Inman, Parry and Teasdale.

1038 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Brown declared a personal/non prejudicial interest in respect of Agenda Item No. 3 – Anti Social Behaviour Review - Any reference to Tristar Homes Services as he is a member of Tristar Board.

Councillor Mrs Trainer declared a personal/non prejudicial interest in respect of Agenda Item No. 3 – Anti Social Behaviour Review - Any reference to Tristar Homes Services as she is a member of Tristar Board.

Councillor Woodhead declared a personal/non prejudicial interest in respect of Agenda Item No. 3 – Anti Social Behaviour Review - Any reference to Tristar Homes Services as he is a member of Tristar Board.

1039 Anti Social Behaviour Review

At the meeting of the Housing and Community Safety Select Committee held on 12th January 2006 Members agreed to invite the following Officers to the meeting to be held on 23rd February 2006 to give evidence with regard to the Anti Social Behaviour Review:-

Tariq Ali, Cleveland Police
Paul Noddings, Tristar Homes
Helen Moody, UNITE
Gary Collins, ASB Team
Julie Allport, Head of Housing, SBC

This special meeting had been called to formulate the questions for the above key witnesses.

As Members formulated the questions they felt that it would be useful if the Scrutiny Officer write to a random Tenancy Officer from each Housing Area asking what problems they encounter when trying to combat Anti Social Behaviour. The responses would then be collated and presented to Members at the 23rd February 2006 meeting.

CONCLUDED that:-

1. The questions as proposed by Members be forwarded to the above key witnesses to enable them to give full detailed responses at the meeting to be held on 23rd February 2006.
2. The Scrutiny officer be authorised to write to a random Tenancy Officer from each Housing Area asking what problems they encounter when trying to combat Anti Social Behaviour.

1040 Update – Ball Games Leaflet

At the meeting of the Housing and Community Safety Select Committee held on 12th January 2006 Member agreed that the leaflet on “the playing of ball

games on open space” be revised by Legal Services and the Head of Community Protection as a matter of urgency.

The revised leaflet had been circulated prior to the meeting. Members felt that the leaflet was too detailed and would not be useful when tacking issues of ball games and nuisance. Members felt that what was needed were two leaflets, one that was in plain English which could be handed out to residents and one that was more detailed and explained the laws in more detail. Also Members felt that the Scrutiny Officer should write to Legal Services asking if anyone has ever been prosecuted under the Bye - law and if the Council can do anything to enforce the Bye - law.

CONCLUDED that the Scrutiny Officer write to Legal Services giving Members views.

1041 Work Programme

The Chair informed Members that if they had any suggestions for the future Work Programme that they fill in the form that had recently been circulated by Chair of the Executive Scrutiny Committee.

CONCLUDED that the above information be noted.

Chairman