

Housing & Community Safety Select Committee

A meeting of Housing & Community Safety Select Committee was held on Thursday, 14th June, 2007.

Present: Cllr Mrs Allison Trainer (Chairman), Cllr Jackie Earl, Cllr Robert Gibson, Cllr Mohammed Javed, Cllr Mrs Liz Nesbitt, Cllr Julia Roberts, Cllr William Woodhead

Officers: J Allport, Caroline Wood (Housing); Mike Batty (Community Protection), D Pickard (Tristar), S Johnson, S Whaley, P Mennear, J Trainer (Democratic Services); Dave Brunskill (Cleveland Police)

Also in attendance: No other persons in attendance

Apologies: Cllr P Baker, Cllr L Narroway, Cllr S Nelson (Cabinet Member)

HCS 1/07 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillors Gibson, Roberts, Trainer and Woodhead declared a personal/non-prejudicial interest in Review of Choice Based Lettings - Action Plan and Tristar Feasibility Study, due to being members of the Tristar Management Board.

HCS 2/07 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th February 2007 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

HCS 3/07 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd March 2007 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

HCS 4/07 **Review of A-S-B - progress report**

Members of the Committee were presented with the progress report for the Review of Anti-Social Behaviour. Members discussed the issue of extending the budget to support out of hours working to deal with anti-social behaviour and noise issues. In particular the committee discussed Tristar's plans for the provision for the out of hours service including the possibility of sub-contracting this service.

The Committee agreed that all actions on the progress report could be signed off with the exception of Action 5, relating to the possibility of extending the budget to support out of hours working to deal with anti-social behaviour and noise issues. An update on action 5 was to be presented to a future meeting.

CONCLUDED that the Progress Report for the Review of Anti-Social Behaviour be agreed.

HCS 5/07 **Review of Neighbourhood Enforcement Service**

Members of the Committee were presented with the Scope and Project Plan for the Review of Neighbourhood Enforcement Service. Members discussed the

methods of consultation for the review and site visits.

The Head of Community Protection advised the committee that, as part of the review, the first annual review of the neighbourhood enforcement service would be presented at the next meeting.

CONCLUDED that the Scope and Project Plan for the Review of Neighbourhood Enforcement Service be agreed.

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Police performance report – Dave Brunskill, District Commander, Stockton Borough.

The District Commander for Stockton was in attendance at the meeting and presented Members with the recorded crime statistics for the months March, April and May 2006 and 2007 and June-May 2006/07 and so far for 2007/08. It was reported that there had been 17,644 offences in the Stockton Borough in 2006/07. The Officer advised Members that this was a 4.9% reduction on 2005/06.

Members discussed the crime statistics, community policing and the Hartlepool policing model. In particular, Members discussed the figures for 'Other Theft' and 'Criminal Damage' as the Officer had reported a slight increase in these figures so far for 2007/08.

Members discussed the frequency of the police performance reports. It was agreed that the District Commander liaise with the Chair regarding more regular updates.

CONCLUDED that:

1. The report be noted.
2. The District Commander liaise with the Chair regarding more regular updates of police performance.

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7/07**

Review of Choice based lettings – action plan and Tristar Feasibility Study

Members were presented with the action plan and the Tristar Feasibility Study for the Review of Choice Based Lettings.

Members discussed the action plan and approved the contents.

It was considered that the Tristar Feasibility Study relating to recommendation four of the action plan had not had a long enough timescale to be completed and was therefore deferred to a future meeting, following the completion of the Tristar budget process.

CONCLUDED that:

1. The Action Plan for the Review of Choice Based Lettings be agreed.
2. The Tristar Feasibility Study be deferred to a future meeting.

