

Housing & Community Safety Select Committee

A meeting of Housing & Community Safety Select Committee was held on Tuesday, 18th September, 2007.

Present: Cllr Mrs Allison Trainer (Chair); Cllr Maurice Frankland (Vice Councillor Baker) and Cllr Julia Roberts.

Officers: P K Bell, P J Mennear, J Trainer (LD); M Batty, M McLone (DNS).

Also in attendance: Chief Inspector Gamesby.

Apologies: Cllr Paul Baker, Cllr Jackie Earl, Cllr Robert Gibson, Cllr Mohammed Javed, Cllr Lee Narroway, Cllr Liz Nesbitt and Cllr Woodhead.

HCS 12/07

Declarations of Interest

There no were interests declared.

HCS 13/07

Minutes of the Meeting Held on 14th June

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th June 2007 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

HCS 14/07

Minutes of the meeting held on 26th June 2007

Consideration was given to the content of the draft minutes of the meeting held on 26th June 2007.

CONCLUDED that the minutes of the meeting held on 26th June 2007 be forwarded to Council for consideration.

HCS 15/07

Work Programme

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

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

HCS 16/07

Scrutiny Review of Neighbourhood Enforcement Services

As part of the Review of Neighbourhood Enforcement Service Chief Inspector Gary Gamesby had been invited to the meeting to present evidence to Members on the working arrangements between Cleveland Police and the Neighbourhood Enforcement Service.

Chief Inspector Gary Gamesby outlined the number of tasks Cleveland Police carry out each fortnight. He then stated that Cleveland Police worked closely with Neighbourhood Enforcement Service on a number of those tasks and that the Neighbourhood Enforcement Service was a valuable resource.

Discussions took place on resource issues, particularly on Friday and Saturday night. The flow of information/tasks between Ladgate Lane Headquarters and

the Neighbourhood Enforcement Service was also discussed.

At a previous meeting of the Committee, Members had authorised the Head of Community Protection to write to the DVLA with regard the use of devolved powers for untaxed vehicles. A response to that letter had been received and was circulated to Members. Members were happy with the content of the letter and the fact the Head of Enforcement - DVLA had agreed to meet with the Head of Community protection - SBC to discuss the issues raised in the letter further. Members endorsed the idea of the meeting.

The Security Services Manager reported that it would be possible for his Service to produce Ward specific statistics.

Prior to the meeting the Scrutiny Officer had distributed a briefing note and a copy of the evidence that had been gathered during the review of the Neighbourhood Enforcement Service.

Members discussed the evidence that was presented to them. Members then formulated draft recommendations from the evidence.

Members agreed that the Review of Neighbourhood Enforcement Services Draft Report should be circulated to all the stakeholders and then considered by Members at the meeting to be held on 27th September 2007.

CONCLUDED that:-

1. The evidence received from Gary Gamesby be received.
2. The draft report be circulated to all the stakeholders and considered at the meeting to be held on 27th September 2007.