

Crime and Disorder Select Committee

A meeting of Crime and Disorder Select Committee was held on Thursday, 18th June, 2015.

Present: Cllr Paul Baker(Chairman), Cllr David Wilburn(Vice-Chairman), Cllr Ken Dixon, Cllr Paul Rowling, Cllr Norma Stephenson O.B.E, Cllr Matthew Vickers, Cllr Mrs Sylvia Walmsley, Cllr Julia Whitehill, Cllr Barry Woodhouse

Officers: Marc Anderson (Cleveland Police), Steven Hume (Community Safety (Community Safety)), Ruby Poppleton (Public Health), Graham Birtle, Jenna McDonald (LDS)

Also in attendance:

Apologies:

1 Evacuation Procedure

The evacuation procedure was noted.

2 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Woodhouse declared a personal non prejudicial interest as a Member of his family was employed by the Care Call service.

Councillor's N Stephenson O.B.E , K Dixon, M Vickers and D Wilburn declared personal non prejudicial interests as Members of the Police and Crime Panel.

AGREED that the declarations be noted.

3 Monitoring / Action Plans

Members were asked to consider the assessments of progress contained within the progress updates on Tobacco Control, Community Safety and the Action Plan on Neighbourhood Policing.

While each recommendation was considered by the Committee, the following additional points were highlighted:

Tobacco Control:

- With reference to Recommendation 7, it was heard that information was being arranged to be circulated to all Members by close of June 2015. It was highlighted that the action had been delayed due to the Election held in May 2015

Members requested a report on the involvement of the Local Government Pension Scheme(LGPS) in the Stop Smoking Service

Community Safety:

- Members were made aware of a piece of work which had been recently undertaken to explore the possibility of developing a partnership between Tristar and SBC to provide community alarms and CCTV.

- It was highlighted that structural changes had taken place within the Community Safety team and staff were continuing to provide an excellent service. The Committee heard that it was important to ensure that the services which the Community Safety team provided were sustainable.

- Members raised questions regarding the procedure which is used when an individual with mental health issues was reported as a missing person. It was highlighted that policies were in place which involved locating the individual, making sure the individual did not come to any harm and also locating/contacting their next of kin

Members who had not already visited the Security Centre were encouraged to take a tour of the CCTV facilities which would be led by the Community Safety Manager

Neighbourhood Policing:

- Due to an increase in social media, a consistent approach was taken in the use of social media by local neighbourhood teams. Training was delivered to every Sergeant led team in order to promote usage and corporate approach

- The Chief Inspector chaired a meeting each morning, the purpose of the meeting was to transfer information

- The Council's Community Safety Manager and Cleveland Police shared information in order to ensure that the partnership service remained effective and any changes in key contacts were communicated in a timely manner. It was agreed that the Community Safety Manager was identified as the single point of contact in order that any changes can be passed through the council

- Regular patrols took place of known locations for anti social behaviour through Operation Impact where six areas were identified and visited conducted each evening. Also updates regarding what work had taken place around ward prioritise was given through the "Key Message Document" that could be found on Cleveland Police Internet under "Neighbourhood Policing. Chief Inspector Anderson also advised the Committee that Stockton was showing good reductions in reported anti social behaviour across Stockton for the new financial year.

- The Committee agreed that it would be useful for newly elected Members of SBC to meet the Police Inspectors for their wards. Officers in attendance of the meeting informed Members that sessions could be arranged if they would find them useful. If required members were to make contact with C/Inspector Anderson who would arrange.

- It was highlighted to the Committee that Neighbourhood Policing had changed significantly including staffing changes to some Neighbourhood Teams. Chief Inspector Anderson also informed the Committee that demands were high on the Police service due to reduced resources/staffing and Neighbourhood Teams had also therefore a key role in dealing with calls from the public in order to assist the Response teams.

- The Committee was informed that Stockton-On-Tees remained the safest place in the Tees Valley

AGREED that the Monitoring Updates and Action Plan be approved.

4 Work Programme

Members were informed that the Crime and Disorder Select Committee Work Programme was agreed by Executive Scrutiny Committee.

AGREED that the Work Programme be noted.

5 Chair's Update

The Chair provided no update.