

## **Crime and Disorder Select Committee**

A meeting of Crime and Disorder Select Committee was held on Thursday, 19th November, 2015.

**Present:** Cllr David Wilburn(In the Chair), Cllr Ken Dixon, Cllr Paul Rowling, Cllr Norma Stephenson O.B.E, Cllr Lynn Hall (Vice Cllr Matthew Vickers), Cllr Mrs Sylvia Walmsley, Cllr Julia Whitehill, Cllr Barry Woodhouse

**Officers:** Mike Chicken, Joanne Roberts (Economic Growth and Development Services Division), Graham Birtle, Jenna McDonald (LDS)

**Also in attendance:** Cllr Julia Cherrett

**Apologies:** Cllr Paul Baker, Cllr Matthew Vickers

### **1 Evacuation Procedure**

The evacuation procedure was noted.

### **2 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **3 Minutes for signature - 17 September 2015**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2015 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

AGREED that the minutes were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### **4 Draft Minutes - 15 October 2015**

Consideration was given to the draft minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2015.

AGREED that the minutes be approved subject to minor amendments.

### **5 Scrutiny Review of River Tees Crossing Infrastructure**

The Committee gave consideration to the Draft Final Report of the Scrutiny Review of the River Tees Crossing.

Key points were highlighted as follows:

- It was identified that an Asset Management Plan was required which would be reviewed periodically once in place
- It was noted that the Access Database required a review and update and was to be included within the recommendations. Members noted that the current system used for asset management was Flare
- A previous report by the BBC stated that 7% of bridges nationally, failed to meet standards. The report was based on 50 areas as a result of a Freedom of

## Information Request (FOI)

- It was highlighted that the improvements made to the Teesside Park Access were likely to have a ten year life span. The long term vision for the Teesside Park Access was to provide a second access as opposed to continually re surfacing the current access

- In the future, reviews would be carried out on unused bridges across the borough in order to identify need for the bridge

The Committee raised the following points/questions:

- Members agreed that the Flare system used for Asset Management was beneficial to the service and also cost efficient

- The Committee were keen to understand the reasons for employing external consultants for carrying out inspections. It was noted that external consultants were often required when dealing with a bridge or structure with an access issue and therefore required specialist rope access skills

- It was asked whether Newport Bridge required an external inspection, in response it was heard that an external inspection was required for the bridge and due to lack of funds at the time of the inspection, was carried out on a lower scale

- Members asked whether SBC and Middlesbrough Borough Council shared responsibility of Newport Bridge and the Transporter Bridge. It was highlighted that SBC were responsible for Newport Bridge while Middlesbrough Borough Council were responsible for the Transporter. It was also noted that the maintenance and repair costs of both bridges was often balanced, as a result of this, it was suggested that the new agreement be revised to reflect this

AGREED that:

1. A review of the Access Database be included within the recommendations
2. The information be noted

## **6 Scrutiny Review of School Parking**

The Committee gave consideration to the draft scope and project plan for the Scrutiny Review of School Parking.

Members noted that the following schools would be visited with and without enforcement support in order to assess school parking issues:

- Whitehouse Primary School
- The Glebe Primary School
- Ingleby Mill Primary School

Members raised the following points/questions:

- It was agreed that the Parking on Pavements leaflet was a useful source of

information and clearly highlighted parking offences

- The Committee asked whether parents of children attending the three named schools would be given the opportunity to attend meetings. It was noted that the review would be publicised and parents would be contacted in order to engage and assist with the review.

- Members agreed that it was important to use the education approach on parking laws as well as enforcing

- It was suggested that the Crime and Disorder Select Committee liaise with other forums as part of the review. In response, it was noted that School Governor Support Services had been contacted

- It was highlighted that behavioural issues towards Enforcement Officers, PCSOs and the Police around parking issues should be reviewed

AGREED that the information be noted.

## **7 Monitoring Reports**

Consideration was given to the progress updates on Tobacco Control and Community Safety.

AGREED that the progress updates be approved.

## **8 Work Programme**

Members gave consideration to the work programme 2015-16.

AGREED that the work programme be noted.

## **9 Chair's Update**

The Chair provided no update.