

Crime and Disorder Select Committee

A meeting of Crime and Disorder Select Committee was held on Thursday, 3rd March, 2016.

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: Joanne Roberts (Traffic & Network Safety Manager), Jamie Stephenson (Senior Enforcement Officer), Graham Birtle (Scrutiny Officer), Jenna McDonald (Governance Officer)

Also in attendance: Cllr Julia Cherrett

Apologies:

1 Evacuation Procedure

The evacuation procedure was noted.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Minutes for signature - 17 December 2015

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 December 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 - 21 January 2016

Consideration was given to the draft minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2016.

AGREED that the minutes be approved.

5 Scrutiny Review of School Parking

Members were presented with an update report on the Scrutiny Review of School Parking.

The Committee noted that a member of the public expressed concern regarding an accident which recently occurred close to Whitehouse Primary School. Members heard that if brought to officers attention, Enforcement Officers would visit the school in order to take a proactive approach and support the Head Teacher and pupils.

It was noted that wooden barriers were approved for around the grounds of Ingleby Mill Primary school in order to reduce illegal and inconsiderate parking on grass verges.

In relation to the update report, Members noted the actions to be pursued as a

result of the School Parking review which involved the following areas:

- Education
- Enforcement
- Community Transport
- School Admissions and Polices

The Committee raised the following points/questions:

- With regard to the Camera Cars owned by Hartlepool Borough Council and Middlesbrough Council, Members were keen to understand whether the car was used outside of key school hours. It was noted that the camera car could be used outside of school hours however only for limited use such as the monitoring of bus stop clear ways. It was highlighted that in the financial year of 2014/15 Hartlepool Borough Council issued 93 Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) as a result of the camera car. Members suggested that discussions took place with Cleveland Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner around the possibility of introducing a camera car in Stockton.
- The Committee agreed that consideration be given to a North East only TV advertisement on school parking in order to raise awareness. It was highlighted that the attitude of a child could potentially have a strong impact on the behaviour of their parents/carers.
- Members requested return figures on PCN's issued around schools.
- Discussions took place around the range of approaches which could be used when dealing with parking issues. It was noted that it was important to balance the approach by adopting not only the light touch, education approach but also issuing fines when appropriate.
- The Committee discussed the issues of overgrown hedges on pavements. It was heard that if a homeowner/tenant did not cut their hedge and therefore restricted the highway, Care For Your Area would take action.
- Members discussed the possibility of Councillors, School Governors and Enforcement Officers having access to small leaflets to display on a illegally parked cars.

AGREED that:

1. the information be noted.
2. a representative from Cleveland Police be invited to attend a future Committee meeting.
3. return figures of PCNs issued around schools be presented at a future meeting.

6 Crime and disorder in Stockton-on-Tees, 2015 Q3

The Committee was presented with a report on Crime and Disorder in Stockton

on Tees, 2015 Q3.

AGREED that:

1. the report be noted.

2. statistics, including the Tees Valley, be reported to Committee on a quarterly basis

7 Work Programme

Members gave consideration to the work programme 2015-16.

AGREED that the work programme be noted.

8 Chair's Update

Members noted that the plans for the demolition of Londonderry Bridge would be considered at the Councils Cabinet in March 2016.

AGREED that the information be noted.