

Crime and Disorder Select Committee

A meeting of Crime and Disorder Select Committee was held on Thursday, 24th November, 2016.

Present: Cllr David Wilburn(Chair), Cllr Paul Rowling(Vice-Chair), Cllr Gillian Corr (Sub Cllr Ken Dixon), Cllr Allan Mitchell, Cllr Stephen Parry, Cllr Laura Tunney (Sub Cllr Matthew Vickers), Cllr Julia Whitehill, Cllr Barry Woodhouse

Officers: Steven Hume (Community Safety Manager), Colin Snowdon (Environmental Health Unit Manager), Mark Berry (Principal Environmental Health Officer), Graham Birtle (Scrutiny Officer), Jenna McDonald (Governance Officer)

Also in attendance: Cllr Steve Nelson (Cabinet Member - Access, Communities and Community Safety), Chief Inspector Marc Anderson (Cleveland Police)

Apologies: Cllr Ken Dixon, Cllr Matthew Vickers, Cllr Mrs Sylvia Walmsley

**CD
36/16** **Evacuation Procedure**

The evacuation procedure was noted.

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37/16** **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

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38/16** **Minutes for signature - 22nd September 2016**

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd September 2016 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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

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39/16** **Draft Minutes - 20th October 2016**

Consideration be given to the draft minutes of the meeting held on 20th October 2016.

AGREED that the minutes be approved.

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40/16** **Overview of Community Safety and Security Services and the Crime and Disorder Partnership**

The Committee received an overview of Community Safety and Security Services and the Crime and Disorder Partnership.

Key points were highlighted as follows:

- Due to financial cuts, it was acknowledged that the service could not continue to deliver all of the services that were currently delivered.

- Members were reminded of the four policy principles that supported the services decision-making as follows; Protecting the vulnerable through targeted intervention, Promoting equality of opportunity through targeted intervention, Developing strong and healthy communities through the provision of

mainstream and preventive services and Creating economic prosperity across the Borough

- It was noted that despite a rise in crime, Stockton had the lowest crime rate per thousand population in the Tees Valley and remained the safest place to live within the Tees Valley.
- Anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the borough reduced by 3.5% in 2015-16 and Stockton continued to have the lowest rate of ASB per 1000 population.
- Work conducted by the Security and Surveillance Unit, aided in the arrest of 539 individuals during 2015-16 which was a 15.2% increase on the last financial year.
- Accessible CCTV images could now be relayed to both Gold and Silver command units within Cleveland Police.
- As part of the Stockton Town Centre operations, there had been improved links and engagement with local businesses and licensed premises. This included the development of the 'Safer Business Scheme' which aimed to provide crime prevention advice and support to small businesses within the Town Centre.
- The Stockton Crime Prevention Panel had been refreshed in 2015/16 and this included the securing of £14,200 external funding and the development of a new website to promote the work of the panel as well as raise funding through the sale of crime prevention goods.
- In 2015/16 the Community Safety team secured £80,000 funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner to support ASB/youth engagement, Domestic Abuse and Restorative Practice
- Members noted that when protecting the vulnerable the Trading Standards Service dealt with approximately 1500 complaints, of which almost two thirds were handled by the Trading Standards Advice Centre. The remainder were investigated by Trading Standards Officers.

The service continued to support local businesses and to contribute to public health and wellbeing, the Trading Standards Team were responsible for two successful prosecutions of supplying counterfeit vodka. These cases resulted in fines of £2,889 and costs of £3,586.

The Committee noted challenges which the service faced as follows:

Challenges

- Addressing significant increases in demand for all services
- A reduction in resources to deliver services (and lack of external funding opportunities)
- The impact of reduced resources and organisational changes on other services/partners i.e. Police, Probation, Fire Service

- Increase in Crime and the changes to Police recording
- The roll out of awareness raising and local authority requirement under the Counter Terrorism and Security Act in relation to statutory PREVENT and CHANNEL duties
- Reducing the number of repeat victims of domestic abuse

AGREED that the information be noted.

CD **Scrutiny Review of Dog Fouling Enforcement**

41/16

Members were presented with the summary report for the Scrutiny Review of Dog Fouling Enforcement. Key points were highlighted as follows:

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AGREED that the Summary Report be noted.

CD **Work Programme**

42/16

Consideration was given to the Committee work programme 2016-17.

AGREED that the work programme be noted.

CD **Chair's Update**

43/16

The Chair provided no update.