

**Crime and Disorder Select Committee**

**Review of Safety at Railway Crossing Points**

**Outline Scope**

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<b>Which of our strategic corporate objectives does this topic address?</b>  Ensure our residents are safe Reduce levels of anti-social behaviour	
<b>What are the main issues and overall aim of this review?</b>  The safety and general management of railway crossing points (both vehicular and pedestrian). Concerns have been expressed about the safety of pedestrians, road users, and train staff and passengers. In addition, railway crossing points and lines are sometimes the focus of anti-social behaviour.	
<b>The Committee will undertake the following key lines of enquiry:</b>  Examine Network Rail policy. The approaches taken by British Transport Police, the Council's Technical Services and Community Protection Services.	
<b>Who will the Committee be trying to influence as part of its work?</b>  Network Rail, British Transport Police, Stockton Council's Technical Services and Community Protection Services.	
<b>Expected duration of review and key milestones:</b>  2 months	
<b>What information do we need?</b>  Existing information (background information, existing reports, legislation, central government documents, etc.): Network Rail Policy	

New information:  
Operation Look results (British Transport Police)

Who can provide us with further relevant evidence? (Cabinet Member, officer, service user, general public, expert witness, etc.)

What specific areas do we want them to cover when they give evidence?

Network Rail  
British Transport Police

Policy and approach taken  
Incidence levels. Campaigns

Technical Services  
Community Protection Services

Council policy that can assist with railway crossing safety

**How will this information be gathered? (e.g. financial baselining and analysis, benchmarking, site visits, face-to-face questioning, telephone survey, survey)**

Meetings, desktop research

**How will key partners and the public be involved in the review?**

Meetings

**How will the review help the Council meet the Public Sector Equality Duty?**

N/A

**How will the review contribute towards the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, or the implementation of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy?**

N/A

**Provide an initial view as to how this review could lead to efficiencies, improvements and/or transformation:**

Raised awareness of dangers at level crossings and improved safety by individuals.

## Project Plan

<b>Key Task</b>	<b>Details/Activities</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
<b>Scoping of Review</b>	Information gathering	ongoing	Scrutiny Officer Link Officer
<b>Tri-Partite Meeting</b>	Meeting to discuss aims and objectives of review	10.1.17	Select Committee Chair and Vice Chair, Cabinet Member(s), Director(s), Scrutiny Officer, Link Officer
<b>Agree Project Plan</b>	Scope and Project Plan agreed by Committee	26.1.17	Select Committee
<b>Publicity of Review</b>	Determine whether Communications Plan needed	?	Link Officer, Scrutiny Officer
<b>Obtaining Evidence</b>		26.1.17 23.2.17	Select Committee
<b>Members decide recommendations and findings</b>	Review summary of findings and formulate draft recommendations	23.2.17	Select Committee
<b>Circulate Draft Report to Stakeholders</b>	Circulation of Report	w/c 27.2.17	Scrutiny Officer
<b>Tri-Partite Meeting</b>	Meeting to discuss findings of review and draft recommendations	TBA	Select Committee Chair and Vice Chair, Cabinet Member(s), Director(s), Scrutiny Officer, Link Officer
<b>Final Agreement of Report</b>	Approval of final report by Committee	23.3.17	Select Committee, Cabinet Member, Director
<b>Report to Cabinet/Approving Body</b>	Presentation of final report with recommendations for approval to Cabinet	20.4.17	Cabinet/ Approving Body
<b>Consideration of Report by Executive Scrutiny Committee</b>	Consideration of report (information only)	9.5.17	Executive Scrutiny Committee