

## **SCRUTINY REVIEW OF SAFETY AT RAIL CROSSING POINTS**

### **Summary**

Members are asked to consider the appendices to this covering report which are provided to give information about level crossings, the work undertaken by Network Rail to manage the safety at crossings, a recent campaign by British Transport Police, and the Rail Safety and Standards Board Annual Safety Performance Report about level crossings

### **Detail**

1. The Committee will meet with Network Rail representatives James Perkins Route Level Crossing Manager – North, London North Eastern & East Midlands Route and David Guy who is the local Level Crossing Manager for the area.
2. Also attending is Paul Hardy Crime Prevention Design Advisor for British Transport Police, and Sgt Tim Woolven (PoISA) for Darlington/Middlesbrough.
3. Members should consider focusing discussions around the following:
  - Are current safety measures at level crossings adequate? How should they be improved?
  - What cost-effective measures can be introduced to replace level crossings or improve their safety?
  - What factors affect the risk at level crossings?
  - What actions by level crossings users endanger them and what can be done to mitigate this?
  - How does Network Rail and British Transport Police work in partnership to reduce rail level crossing risk?
  - Are there improvements that can be achieved when working in partnership with local Highway Authorities? Is there any best practice they have with other local authorities that would benefit the way Network Rail and Stockton Borough Council?
4. The attached appendices are provided as background information to assist discussions and were sourced from the web sites of Network Rail, The office of Rail and Road, the Rail Safety and Standards Board, and the Evening Gazette.
  - Appendix 1 – Types of Level Crossings
  - Appendix 2 – Network Rail's approach to managing level crossing safety
  - Appendix 3 – Network Rail's guide to level crossings for pedestrians

- Appendix 4 – Network Rail’s guide to level crossings for drivers
- Appendix 5 – Network Rail’s level crossing risk reduction programme
- Appendix 6 – Network Rail’s safety campaigns
- Appendix 7 – British Transport Police ‘Operation Look’ news report
- Appendix 8 – Rail Safety and Standards Board Annual Safety Performance Report 2015/16 – Chapter 7

Name of Contact Officer: Graham Birtle  
Post Title: Scrutiny Officer  
Telephone No. 01642 526187  
Email Address: [graham.birtle@stockton.gov.uk](mailto:graham.birtle@stockton.gov.uk)