

# Crime and Disorder Select Committee

A meeting of Crime and Disorder Select Committee was held on Thursday, 22nd December, 2016.

**Present:** Cllr David Wilburn (Chair), Cllr Kevin Faulks (vice Councillor Dixon), Cllr Lyn Hall (vice Councillor Richardson), Cllr Allan Mitchell, Cllr Stephen Parry, Cllr Paul Rowling, Cllr Julia Whitehill and Cllr Barry Woodhouse

**Officers:** S.Hume (Community Safety Manager), Ms J.Roberts (Traffic & Network Safety Manager), C.Snowdon (Environmental Health Unit Manager); Graham Birtle (Scrutiny Officer); Nigel Hart (Governance Officer).

**Also in attendance:** Ch Insp Marc Anderson (Cleveland Police).

**Apologies:** were submitted on behalf of Councillors Dixon, Richardson and Mrs Walmsley.

## 1 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest declared.

## 2 Minutes for Signature-20th October 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th October 2016 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

## 3 Scrutiny Review of School Parking

The Committee was presented with an Action Plan on the Scrutiny Review of School Parking.

Key points were highlighted as follows:

-An update on the outcome of the Police operation on Road Policing was requested, which was focusing on the extent of mobile phone use whilst driving, use of seatbelts etc.. The Traffic & Network Safety Manager reported that she would seek to obtain the results from Cleveland Police and provide for the Chair, as well as related correspondence on the issue with the Leader of the Council.

-It was noted that the Resource packs for schools were currently being worked up and would be available within the next 2 months. It was suggested that School Governors Support Section's help be enlisted to raise awareness when the resource is available.

AGREED that:-

1. The Action Plan be endorsed.

2. The Traffic & Network Safety Manager forward the results from the Cleveland Police Road Policing Operation to the Chair of the Committee, as well as related correspondence on the issue with the Leader of the Council.

#### **4 Monitoring Update**

The Committee received a Monitoring update of progress made on the following reviews carried out by this Committee:-

- Neighbourhood Policing;
- Community Safety and Security Services;
- Tobacco Control.

Any member wishing to submit views on the style/format of the NPT monthly Newsletter were encouraged to do so; and were also reminded of the protocols for contacting the Police on both urgent and non-urgent matters. The Police were also happy to attend Residents Association meetings when requested.

Reference was made to the review that was currently being undertaken of the Community Safety Section. It was hoped that once complete, and the effects of that absorbed, there would be a return towards the regular production of patrol reports highlighting to all Councillors any 'hot spots'/problems in their areas.

Members of the Committee would also receive in due course a copy of the Community Safety Plan priorities for April 17 onwards.

Finally, members noted an upturn in satisfaction and confidence in respect of victim support, as well as a general increase in public confidence for the force generally based on comparison nationally. This was within the context of a reduction in Stockton from 52 Neighbourhood PC's down to 33 Neighbourhood PC's. With regard to the update provided for Community Safety and Security Services, and in particular the suggested collaboration between the Tees Valley Authorities for the provision of CCTV/community alarm services, it was noted that this was no longer likely to take place and therefore should not be subject to any further monitoring.

AGREED that:-

1. The assessment of progress against the monitoring updates be approved.
2. Due to the suggested collaboration between the Tees Valley Authorities for the provision of CCTV/community alarm services no longer being likely to take place, it was noted that this action would no longer be subject to any further monitoring.

#### **5 Scrutiny Review of Dog Fouling Enforcement**

Consideration was given to the draft report for the Review of Dog Fouling Enforcement.

Members noted the possible impact that the current service reviews of CFYA, Enforcement and Environment may have on resources that are available to implement the proposals contained within this review.

The final report would be submitted to Cabinet for consideration in January.

AGREED that the final report be accepted and forwarded to Cabinet for

approval.

## **6 Work Programme**

At the next meeting (January 2017), the Committee would commence its Review of Railway Crossing points and it was hoped that representatives from both Network Rail and the Police would be in attendance.

The Chair referred to a recent tragedy at Norton West and a 'near miss' and aired concerns about the impact of any planned reduction in staffing at railway crossings.

AGREED that the Work Programme be noted.

## **7 Chair's Update**

The Chair reminded members that topics for next year's Scrutiny Work Programme were to be considered by the Scrutiny Liaison Forum on the 24th January 2017.

AGREED that the Chair's update be noted.