

<b>Crime and Disorder Select Committee</b>
<b>Security at Preston Park</b>
<b>Outline Scope</b>

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<b>Which of our strategic corporate objectives does this topic address?</b>	
<p>The review will also contribute to the following Council Plan 2017-2020 key objective:</p> <p>Deliver sustainable events and attractions that contribute to the delivery of vibrant and economically successful town centres and economic prosperity</p>	
<b>What are the main issues and overall aim of this review?</b>	
<p>Preston Park and Museum is a successful leisure and heritage attraction. Following investment in recent years the Park and Museum have become increasingly popular.</p> <p>The huge pressures of numbers of visitors to Preston Park and the Museum continue to challenge us with a growing need to manage the public's use of the space, to control car parking, to deal with competition for the use of spaces, and to address the upkeep of the attraction as thousands of people visit every day. Pressure on river access is also an issue.</p> <p>The Park has also suffered from incidents of vandalism and anti-social behaviour in recent months and these threaten the viability of the attraction and the satisfaction of visitors. Steps have already been taken to improve CCTV and other means of tackling antisocial behaviour in Preston Park.</p> <p>There are numerous points of access to the park, both informal and formal, including rights of way and cycle paths. Clearing the 110 acre site at dusk and closing all points of access is not achievable with current resources.</p> <p>Preston Hall Museum, situated in the Park, is the primary means of delivering the Council's heritage work attracts c.150,000 visitors per annum.</p> <p>The Park itself is a popular leisure attraction, and is increasingly used for people to access the River Tees, with rowers, open water swimmers, paddle boarders, anglers, and powered craft all seeking to get onto (or into) the Tees from Preston Park. The Park attracts an estimated 800,000 visits per year.</p> <p>ASB within the park and the movement of people through adjoining residential streets to and from the Park has an impact on the safety, or perception of safety of people and property in the</p>	

surrounding area.

The safety of children and vulnerable adults using the park, including those taking part in ASB, is a concern for the general public and the Council.

The refresh of the Master Plan for the Park and Museum will be considered by Cabinet in October. The overall aim of the review is to identify the specific causes of ASB and possible solutions/measures to take.

**The Committee will undertake the following key lines of enquiry:**

The Committee will explore the causes and possible solutions in respect of the following issues:

- Night Time Activity
- Inappropriate use of cars
- Vandalism to Buildings and threat to collection
- Threat to safety of staff and café staff
- Damage to toilets
- Drug and Alcohol misuse
- Swimming in river
- Dog Control

And examine the issues in the context of:

- Car parking and traffic flow
- Access issues (inc. potential for secondary access, bridge across the river)
- Signage/ paths
- Under-used areas
- Café / Restaurant
- CCTV

**Who will the Committee be trying to influence as part of its work?**

Cabinet, park users, park partners

**Expected duration of review and key milestones:**

5 months.

**What information do we need?**

Existing information (background information, existing reports, legislation, central government documents, etc.):

Master Plan (Refresh to be presented to Cabinet September 2017)  
Customer Feedback  
Incidents of ASB

New information:

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?

SBC Officers

Background and Context  
Master Plan

Enforcement	ASB Incidents/ history Causes of ASB
Youth Direction	Issues with Young People Potential Solutions Safeguarding
Museum Staff	Frontline feedback
Partners (Inc.River Shack, Butterfly World, Small Gauge Railway)	Frontline feedback
Catering DSO	Frontline Feedback
Parish Council	Issues from residents
<p><b>How will this information be gathered? (e.g. financial baselining and analysis, benchmarking, site visits, face-to-face questioning, telephone survey, survey)</b></p> <p>Committee meetings, reports, site visits to Preston Park and other similar attractions, desk based research/ telephone interviews</p>	
<p><b>How will key partners and the public be involved in the review?</b></p> <p>Committee meetings, on-site meetings....</p>	
<p><b>How will the review help the Council meet the Public Sector Equality Duty?</b></p> <p>The Public Sector Equality Duty requires that public bodies have due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between different people when carrying out their activities. This review will be mindful of these factors.</p>	
<p><b>How will the review contribute towards the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, or the implementation of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy?</b></p> <p>Reducing instances of ASB in this area would improve the feelings of community safety, for local residents and visitors.</p> <p>A successful and well managed Preston Park has been shown to have wide benefits for the local community and Borough in terms of an improved environment, leisure space, and heritage attraction.</p>	
<p><b>Provide an initial view as to how this review could lead to efficiencies, improvements and/or transformation:</b></p> <p>Preston Park itself is performing well. There is also the potential to attract significant Heritage Lottery investment in Preston Park; this presents a challenge as we evaluate the extent to which that might reduce our costs or increase our income potential as well as delivering an improved attraction for customers.</p> <p>The costs of repairs arising from ASB and insurance for features and buildings in the Park is rising and significant. ASB undermines our ability to guarantee the life expectancy of new features and so makes contributions from third parties less likely.</p>	

## Project Plan

<b>Key Task</b>	<b>Details/Activities</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
<b>Scoping of Review</b>	Information gathering	<b>September 2017</b>	Scrutiny Officer
<b>Tri-Partite Meeting</b>	Meeting to discuss aims and objectives of review	<b>29 August 2017</b>	Select Committee Chair and Vice Chair, Cabinet Member(s), Director(s), Scrutiny Officer,
<b>Agree Project Plan</b>	Scope and Project Plan agreed by Committee	<b>25 September 2017 and site visit</b>	Select Committee
<b>Publicity of Review</b>	Determine whether Communications Plan needed	<b>TBC</b>	Link Officer, Scrutiny Officer
<b>Obtaining Evidence</b>		<b>25 September 2017 12 October 2017 9 November 2017 7 December 2017</b>	Select Committee
<b>Members decide recommendations and findings</b>	Review summary of findings and formulate draft recommendations	<b>11 January 2017</b>	Select Committee
<b>Circulate Draft Report to Stakeholders</b>	Circulation of Report	<b>Jan/ Feb 2017</b>	Scrutiny Officer
<b>Tri-Partite Meeting</b>	Meeting to discuss findings of review and draft recommendations	<b>TBA</b>	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	<b>8 February 2017</b>	Select Committee, Cabinet Member, Director
<b>Consideration of Report by Executive Scrutiny Committee</b>	Consideration of report	<b>20 February 2017</b>	Executive Scrutiny Committee
<b>Report to Cabinet/Approving Body</b>	Presentation of final report with recommendations for approval to Cabinet	<b>15 March 2017</b>	Cabinet/ Approving Body