

Crime and Disorder Select Committee

A meeting of Crime and Disorder Select Committee was held on Thursday, 13th July, 2017.

Present: Cllr David Wilburn (Chair), Cllr Carol Clark, Cllr Ken Dixon, Cllr Allan Mitchell, Cllr Stephen Richardson, Cllr Paul Rowling and Cllr Barry Woodhouse.

Officers: Judy Trainer, Peter Bell (DCE); Joanne Roberts (EG&D).

Also in attendance: Cllr Bob Cook, Cllr Jim Beall, Cllr Ann McCoy (Stockton-On-Tees Borough Council Representatives on Local Government Bodies).
Cllr Julia Cherrett and a Member of the Public for agenda item 6 - Progress Updates on Previously Agreed Recommendations - School Parking.

Apologies: Cllr Sylvia Walmlsey and Julia Whitehill.

CAD 8/17 Evacuation procedure

The evacuation procedure was noted.

CAD 9/17 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Bob Cook declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 4 - Scrutiny Review of Membership of Local Government Bodies as he was a member of the LGA, NEPO and NERO.

Councillor Jim Beall declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 4 - Scrutiny Review of Membership of Local Government Bodies as he was a member of the LGA.

Councillor Ann McCoy declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 4 - Scrutiny Review of Membership of Local Government Bodies as she was a member of the NEREO.

Councillor Barry Woodhouse declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 6 - Progress Updates on Previously Agreed Recommendations as his granddaughter attended Fairfield Primary School.

CAD 10/17 Scrutiny Review of Membership of Local Government Bodies

Members were presented with the Scope and Project Plan for the Scrutiny Review of Membership of Local Government Bodies.

Members were also presented with:-

- A full list and background information of the Local Government Bodies that the Council had representation on.
- The LGA membership update for 2016/17
- The Council Member Authority Report for 2015/16
- Comments from Cllr Ann McCoy regarding NEREO
- A free trial flyer for LGIU

The following Councillors were in attendance at the meeting and gave evidence on the Local Government Bodies that they were members of:-

Councillor Bob Cook - member of the LGA, NEPO and NERO

Councillor Jim Beall member of Local Government Bodies as he was a member of the LGA

Councillor Ann McCoy - member of the NEREO

LGA

Councillors Bob Cook and Jim Beall spoke in support of membership of the Association highlighting that:

- Most Councils were members of this cross party politically led organisation
- The Association exerted significant influence and lobbying power and gave access to ministers
- Peer reviews were an invaluable service provided for member Councils providing an opportunity to give support and also learn from others
- The Association had reduced costs and membership fees in recent years
- The Association were an invaluable source of information providing up to date briefings, but they questioned whether the Council was making the most out of the information provided across the Council?
- The Association ran excellent leadership courses which had been attended by a number of Stockton Councillors
- The Annual Conference provided excellent networking opportunities

NEPO

Councillor Bob Cook highlighted:

- NEPO had been reviewed in recent years and now focused on a smaller number of specialist areas of procurement
- The organisation strove to encourage local and regional suppliers to tender for work and there were over 600 Stockton companies on their preferred list
- Savings achieved through joint procurement significantly outweighed the costs of membership

NEREO

Councillor Ann McCoy highlighted that:

- The LGA respect the strong voice of this non-political, regional organisation and ask the organisation what they would like them to lobby about
- The organisation plays a key role in negotiating with trade unions on behalf of all of the 12 North East Councils on the pay claim via collective bargaining. NEREO fulfils this statutory role which would need to be undertaken in another way if the Council was not a member
- The organisation are committed to national conditions of service
- Membership of the organisation allows the Council to access less expensive services

- Membership gives access to HR advice, a jobs portal and peer reviews
 - North East campaigns have been run in the past
- The Council have used NEREO to carry out a Senior Management Salary Structure Review

AGREED that:-

1. The Scope and Project Plan be noted.
2. The evidence from Councillors Cook, Beall and McCoy be received.

**CAD
11/17** **Action Plan - Safety of Railway Crossing Points**

Members were presented with the Action Plan for Safety of Railway Crossing Points.

AGREED that the Action Plan be approved.

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12/17** **Progress Updates on Previously Agreed Recommendations**

Members were presented with progress updates on previously agreed recommendations on the following:-

- Initial Progress Update - School Parking
- Progress Update - River Tees Crossing Infrastructure
- Progress Update - Neighbourhood Policing
- Progress Update - Tobacco Control

With regard to the Initial Progress Update on School Parking the following comments were made:-

- With regard to recommendation 1 - The Resource Pack should be shared with Members prior to being finalised.
- With regard to recommendation 7, Members should receive feedback to give an indication on whether the recommendation had been successful
- With regard to recommendation 8 it was noted that the letter had not yet been sent to the Government due to purdah.

Councillor Julia Cherrett and a member of the public were in attendance at the meeting and made the following comments with regard to Initial Progress Update on School Parking-

- Havering Council had been nominated for an award as they had introduced a Public Open Space Protection Order at 4 of their schools. The Council had used number plate recognition and issued fixed penalty notices from camera evidence. Members requested that the information on the scheme be made available to them.
- Problems were occurring at Whitehouse Primary School with cars were parking and driving on pavements.

The Traffic and Network Safety Manager indicated that she would look into the situation at Whitehouse Primary School.

The Traffic and Network Safety Manager updated Members with regard to a Wise Drive event that had taken place at the Riverside Stadium. The event had been well attended by schools from the Stockton Borough and the feedback had been very good. There was a hope that the event would be built on next year.

The Progress Update on River Tees Crossing Infrastructure was noted.

The Progress Update on Neighbourhood Policing and the Progress Update on Tobacco Control were noted and signed off as all of the recommendations had been completed.

AGREED that Progress Updates on Previously Agreed Recommendations be noted and the assessments of progress be approved.

CAD **Work Programme**
13/17

Members were presented with the Work Programme.

AGREED that the Work Programme be noted.