

Crime and Disorder Select Committee

A meeting of Crime and Disorder Select Committee was held on Thursday, 26th April, 2018.

Present: Cllr David Wilburn (Chair), Cllr Paul Rowling (Vice Chair), Cllr Chris Barlow, Cllr Carol Clark, Cllr Ian Dalgarno, Cllr Kevin Faulks, Cllr Stephen Richardson, Cllr Barry Woodhouse

Officers: Martin Gray, Steven Hume (CHS); Reuben Kench, Sarah Fortune (CLE); Judy Trainer, Annette Sotheby (DCE)

Also in attendance:

Apologies: Cllr Julia Whitehill

CAD 50/17 Evacuation Procedure

The evacuation procedure was noted.

CAD 51/17 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest from Members recorded.

CAD 52/17 Minutes of Meeting Held on 8th February 2018 (to follow)

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 8th February 2018.

AGREED that the minutes be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

CAD 53/17 Scrutiny Review of Security at Preston Park - Action Plan

Members were presented with the Action Plan setting out how the agreed recommendations from the Scrutiny Review of Security at Preston Park would be implemented and target dates for completion.

Members discussed the following:-

-Whether income could be generated from car parking charges to provide income for further ASB measures.

-Swimmers crossing the river from the park, causing vandalism at Ingleby Golf Club. It was noted that increased staff presence in the park will assist with natural surveillance. In addition, the Canal and River Trust are addressing the dangers of open water swimming.

AGREED that the Action Plan be approved.

CAD 54/17 Draft Scope and Project Plan

Steven Hume (Community Safety and Strategy and Service Manager) gave an introductory presentation to provide:

- An overview of hate incidents and crime within the Borough of Stockton;
- An understanding of the existing reporting structure in place within Stockton and the role of Third Party Reporting Centres;

Consideration was given to the Scope and Project Plan for the review.

The review would enable a closer examination into the issue of hate crime (including communities from LBG&T (lesbian, bi-sexual, gay and trans communities), people with disabilities, faith & belief and BME (black minority ethnic) communities, asylum seeker and refugees.

The overall aim would be to increase awareness and understanding of hate crime issues, seek to build confidence within communities and increase reporting. The review will also explore restorative justice programmes and partnership working arrangements.

Members discussed the importance of the work in schools and the impact of social media.

Members asked that representatives from the Voluntary and Community Sector should also be invited to give evidence and that the key lines of enquiry also include:

- How do we measure the effectiveness of activities to raise awareness and provide support?
- Do we benchmark performance?
- Are the current priorities and measures in the Hate Crime Action Plan appropriate?

AGREED that the Scope and Project Plan be approved subject to the amendments outlined.

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55/17** **Work Programme 2018/19**

The next meeting to be held on Thursday 31st May 2018.

AGREED that the work programme be noted.