

Crime and Disorder Select Committee
Review of Protection of Vulnerable Older Residents Living at Home
Outline Scope

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Which of our strategic corporate objectives does this topic address?	
<p>The following Policy Principle is particularly relevant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protecting the vulnerable through targeted intervention 	
What are the main issues and overall aim of this review?	
<p>Concerns have been raised in relation to crimes in local neighbourhoods, specifically those against vulnerable older people living at home.</p> <p>On 19 February Executive Scrutiny Committee agreed to refer to the issue to Crime and Disorder Committee for further review.</p> <p>It is proposed to undertake a review to understand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the wider context of crime data and police resources in the Borough; - how key local service providers promote the safety and wellbeing of vulnerable residents living in their homes; - the role of the voluntary and community sector; - local community based initiatives to promote community safety. <p>The review will use an evidence-based approach to assess the issues affecting more vulnerable older people (with a focus on those aged 80 and above) and identify where additional support can be provided, where appropriate.</p>	

The Committee will undertake the following key lines of enquiry:

- What is the overall context in relation to crime data in the Borough?
- In particular, what is the position in relation to crimes committed against more vulnerable older people (in the 80+ age group)?
- What police and community safety resources are available? How have these changed over time?
- How do local service providers, and the voluntary and community sector, work both individually and in partnership to promote and ensure the home safety and wellbeing of vulnerable people?
- Do organisations have Vulnerable Customer registers in place? If so, how do these inform service delivery? How are residents added to the registers?

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

Cabinet, Cleveland Police, Public service and VCS partners

Expected duration of review and key milestones:

6 months

What information do we need?

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

MORI Data – Perceptions of community safety

New information:

Overview of crime data, including the demographic breakdown of victims

Local service provision as detailed below:

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?

Interim Chief Constable, Cleveland Police

Lead Officer for Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland Police

} Overall crime context for Cleveland and Borough, overview of current/future service delivery and available resources

Police and Crime Commissioner	Overall context for Cleveland and Borough, role in community safety initiatives (eg. neighbourhood watch)
Cabinet Member for Access, Communities & Community Safety	Cabinet Member view
Victim Support / Safe in Tees Valley	Service provision - response to vulnerable victims of crime / preventative services
Home Safety Association / Other local initiatives (included those privately funded)	Role, details of advice/services provided (where appropriate)
Catalyst	Overview of the role of voluntary and community sector
SBC One Call	Service provision to provide prevention/reassurance
SBC Adult Social Care	Service provision to provide prevention/reassurance,
Thirteen Group / Potentially other housing providers / Private Sector Housing	Service provision to support residents, partnership working
Cleveland Fire Brigade	Role in community safety and supporting vulnerable members of community
Older People's Representative (eg. Age UK)	Feedback from community, details of advice/services provided (where appropriate)
How will this information be gathered? (eg. financial baselining and analysis, benchmarking, site visits, face-to-face questioning, telephone survey, survey)	
Committee meetings, desktop research	
How will key partners and the public be involved in the review?	
Partner organisations to be involved in the review as outlined above.	
How will the review help the Council meet the Public Sector Equality Duty?	
The review will specifically aim to support local residents who may be vulnerable due to their individual circumstances, including age and housing arrangements.	
How will the review contribute towards the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, or the implementation of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy?	

The draft Stockton-on-Tees Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2019-23 contains the following priority:

- All people in Stockton-on-Tees live in healthy places and sustainable communities

Provide an initial view as to how this review could lead to efficiencies, improvements and/or transformation:

- An assessment of local relevant public services and how they contribute to the protection of the vulnerable, and recommendations for improvement
- An assessment of local community infrastructure and whether more support is needed to help promote safety and wellbeing of vulnerable residents

Project Plan

Key Task	Details/Activities	Date	Responsibility
Scoping of Review	Information gathering		Scrutiny Officer Link Officer
Tri-Partite Meeting	Meeting to discuss aims and objectives of review	27 February 2019	Select Committee Chair and Vice Chair, Cabinet Member(s), Director(s), Scrutiny Officer, Link Officer
Agree Project Plan	Scope and Project Plan agreed by Committee		Select Committee
Publicity of Review	Determine whether Communications Plan needed		Link Officer, Scrutiny Officer
Obtaining Evidence	Context: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cleveland Police - PCC - Cabinet Member Future meetings to include organisations as outlined above	TBC <i>[next full Committee after election – 27 June]</i> TBC	Select Committee
Members decide recommendations and findings	Review summary of findings and formulate draft recommendations		Select Committee
Circulate Draft	Circulation of Report		Scrutiny Officer

Report to Stakeholders			
Tri-Partite Meeting	Meeting to discuss findings of review and draft recommendations		Select Committee Chair and Vice Chair, Cabinet Member(s), Director(s), Scrutiny Officer, Link Officer
Final Agreement of Report	Approval of final report by Committee		Select Committee, Cabinet Member, Director
Consideration of Report by Executive Scrutiny Committee	Consideration of report		Executive Scrutiny Committee
Report to Cabinet/Approving Body	Presentation of final report with recommendations for approval to Cabinet		Cabinet / Approving Body

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