

## **Crime and Disorder Select Committee**

A meeting of Crime and Disorder Select Committee was held on Thursday, 5th November, 2020.

**Present:** Cllr Pauline Beall(Chair), Cllr Paul Weston(Vice-Chair), Cllr Kevin Faulks, Cllr Clare Gamble, Cllr Barbara Inman, Cllr Stephen Richardson, Cllr Tony Riordan, Cllr Andrew Sherris and Cllr Mrs Sylvia Walmsley.

**Officers:** Joanne Roberts (CS); Gareth Aungiers (Xentrall); Gary Woods, Peter Bell (MD)

**Also in attendance:** None.

**Apologies:** None.

### **CD 18/20**      **Declarations of Interest**

There were no interests declared.

### **CD 19/20**      **Minutes**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the Crime and Disorder Select Committee meeting which was held on the 8th October 2020 for approval and signature.

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

### **CD 20/20**      **Action Plan for Agreed Recommendations - Councillor Call for Action: Obstructive and Illegal Parking around Whitehouse Primary School**

Members were presented with the Action Plan setting out how the agreed recommendations from the Councillor Call for Action: Obstructive and Illegal Parking around Whitehouse Primary School investigation would be implemented, and target dates for completion.

The Committee was reminded that the final report for this investigation was considered by Cabinet in January 2020, and a draft Action Plan was scheduled to be presented to Members in March 2020. However, the emergence of COVID-19 had prevented this from happening and had also led to subsequent delays in obtaining the proposed actions from the school, who were understandably dealing with their own pandemic-related issues.

In terms of the proposed actions provided for this meeting, further information was noted as follows:

- Recommendation 1: The most recent Governors meeting had taken place in September 2020 and correspondence has been, and will continue to be, circulated to parents / carers regarding ongoing parking issues.
- Recommendation 2: The Council will link-in with the school regarding the development of a 'walkzone' map.
- Recommendation 5: The Council's Junior Road Safety Officer role, a product of the 2016 review of School Parking, had been a successful concept

and would be used to address this action.

- Recommendation 6: The 20mph speed limit on the Barlborough Avenue side of the school had recently been signed off by the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, and is now being considered by the Council's legal team prior to implementation.
- Recommendation 9: Council Officers are currently observing how other Local Authorities are utilising the 'School Streets' concept, but a significant issue remains around who has powers to close streets.

It was acknowledged that the timescales for some of these actions was quite generous, though it is hoped that several can be fully achieved well within the anticipated 'due date'. The suggested timeframes also take into account the ongoing pressures the school (and Council) faces in light of COVID-19.

Members agreed that caution was required in relation to recommendation 9 (The Council conduct further research with the Department for Transport around the 'School Streets' concept) and looked forward to a future update on how this was working elsewhere.

AGREED that the Action Plan be approved.

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### **Monitoring the Impact of Previously Agreed Recommendations**

Consideration was given to the assessment of progress on the implementation of the one outstanding recommendation from the Scrutiny Review of School Parking.

As with the previous agenda item regarding Whitehouse Primary School, progress on the remaining School Parking review action had been significantly hampered by COVID-19. However, as documented in the progress update template, recent positive developments had been made, with some encouraging input from a variety of local schools who had provided artwork and video messages (examples of which were provided to the Committee) that can be used to produce a Stockton-on-Tees school parking video based on the Cambridge County Council version previously shown. This will be undertaken by a local videographer prior to Christmas, and should be available for the Committee to view in January 2021.

Members were pleased to see some examples of the artwork provided by local schools, though suggested that any 'facts' included on the designs are checked for accuracy. It was also noted that there remains a resource issue when trying to address school parking problems, and that some schools continue to take the stance that anything outside their gates is not their problem.

AGREED that:

- 1) the progress update be noted and the assessment for progress be confirmed;

2) a further progress update be scheduled for the Committee meeting in January 2021.

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22/20**      **Work Programme 2020-2021**

Consideration was given to the Crime and Disorder Select Committee Work Programme for 2020-2021. The next Committee meeting was scheduled for the 3rd December 2020, where the draft final report of the Committee's review of Fly-Grazed Horses would be considered, along with the draft scope and plan for the Committee's next review, Action Fraud.

AGREED that the Crime & Disorder Select Committee Work Programme for 2020-2021 be noted.

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23/20**      **Chair's Update**

The Chair had no further updates.