

Housing and Community Safety Select Committee

Review of the Neighbourhood Enforcement Service

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 16 October 2007

Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)

The Committee were presented with the evidence collected during the review of the Neighbourhood Enforcement Service at a meeting on 18 September. During this meeting the Committee also received evidence from Chief Inspector Gamesby of Cleveland Police in order to respond to concerns regarding partnership working.

Following consideration of all the information, the Committee drafted recommendations and the final report was approved at a meeting on 27 September. Members feel strongly that the Service should continue to be funded by the Council, but also that efforts should be made to further improve the funding of the service by engagement with Parish and Town Councils and the DVLA.

In addition, the committee made recommendations surrounding the publicity of the Service and the possibility of extending the service to cover out of hours nuisance noise control.

Timescale for Review

The review was completed on schedule and the final report will be presented to Cabinet on 25 October.

Monitoring

The Choice Based Lettings action plan was agreed by the Committee in June, and the progress report is due later this year.