

Housing and Community Safety Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee

25 November 2014

Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)

Review of Welfare Reform and Financial Inclusion

In September, the Committee met with the Department for Work and Pensions and the organisations delivering the DWP Work Programme in the Tees Valley area: Ingeus and Avanta. This provided an overview of the scheme in Stockton and its performance to date.

Members of the Committee will be visiting Triage (sub-contractor for Ingeus) to speak with clients and staff.

The Committee will continue to receive the regular welfare reform monitoring framework during the year.

Review of Neighbourhood Policing

The Committee considered the scope for this review on 18 September. The review will consider the context of neighbourhood policing within the new Cleveland Police structure, and how this works in practice within Stockton.

On 16 October the Head of Neighbourhood Policing at Cleveland Police provided information on the new structure of the force, and the wider responsibilities covered by the Integrated Neighbourhood Teams. The Neighbourhood Teams provided visibility but also needed to respond to demand-led issues, and shared the work of tackling priorities including the protection of vulnerable people.

On 27 November the committee will consider the operation of neighbourhood policing in the Borough, and the interaction with the Council's Community Safety Team.