

Crime and Disorder Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 15 September 2015

Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)

Review of River Tees Crossing Infrastructure

Following a report on 22 October 2014 to provide Council with information of the Newport Bridge repainting scheme it was agreed that a scrutiny exercise take place to examine arrangements for the maintenance of the Boroughs' main bridges and to provide reassurances and recommendations on those arrangements.

The Committee is undertaking the following key lines of enquiry:

- The financial impact to the Council.
- Exploring alternative funding sources.
- Contractual arrangements including those with neighbouring local authorities.
- Asset management of key structures

Recommendations put to the Committee at its meeting on 30 July were:

1. The need to have a robust asset management plan in place for our bridges and structures.
2. The need to have a five year investment strategy for our bridges and structures based upon this asset management plan.
3. The need to review bridges and structures with a view to disposing of, or demolishing those redundant assets if feasible and cost effective.
4. That development and delivery of the asset management plan will require an appropriate level of resourcing.
5. That the development of the asset management plan and its delivery needs to be risk based and recognises the economic significance of those assets.

The Committee will develop these further at its meeting on 15 October.

Overview

The Committee will receive an overview of performance on 17 September on the delivery of Community Safety during 2014-15, along with a summary of key challenges for the year ahead, and reference to some of the emerging issues which are likely to impact on future delivery and performance of services. The Committee will also be examining the performance of the Safer Stockton Partnership.

The overview of Public Protection (Trading Standards and Licensing / Environmental Health) will be presented in October.