Crime and Disorder Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 27 October 2015

Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)

Review of River Tees Crossing Infrastructure

The scrutiny exercise is examining 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

The Committee will develop and agree the following recommendations on 15 October:

- 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.

A tripartite meeting is being arranged for week commencing 2 November and the final report will be presented to Cabinet on 3 December.

Review of School Parking

It is intended to commence this review in November ahead of the review of dog DNA/fouling as previously arranged. Key concerns are:

- Residents cannot access their own homes/driveways and being verbally abused by drivers.
- Safety of children who are trying to cross roads between parked cars.
- Safety of drivers (and young passengers) trying to manoeuvre where there are cars parked across junctions, on bends etc.
- How can Enforcement Officers / local police help deal with the problem?
- What good practise is already happening and how can this be shared?

Overview

The Committee received an overview of Public Protection Services on 15 October.