

Crime and Disorder Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 24 November 2015

Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)

Review of River Tees Crossing Infrastructure

A tripartite meeting was held on 5 November and the final report will be presented to Cabinet on 3 December.

Review of School Parking

At the same tripartite meeting agreement was reached for the scope and project plan for this review. The main issues and overall aim of the review are to address:

- Safety of children who are trying to cross roads between parked cars.
- Residents cannot access their own homes/driveways and being verbally abused by drivers.
- 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 practice is already happening and how can this be shared?

The Committee will undertake the following key lines of enquiry:

- To identify the dangers associated with potentially hazardous parking around schools.
- To examine the ways in which dangerous parking can be prevented through highways measures such as traffic orders and the creation of car free areas around schools. This should include consideration of enforcement issues and resource implications.
- To examine alternatives to car travel, and how parents or guardians can be encouraged not to use their cars to transport children to and from school.
- To identify the benefits associated with children using alternative methods of travel to and from school, e.g. health benefits.

The Committee is aiming for engagement from schools on initiatives to reduce the reliance on car journeys whilst changing parental attitudes and approaches to transporting children to school.