

Executive Scrutiny Committee

A meeting of Executive Scrutiny Committee was held on Tuesday, 9th May, 2017.

Present: Cllr David Harrington(Chairman), Cllr Gillian Corr(Interim Vice Chair), Cllr Sonia Bailey, Cllr Derrick Brown, Cllr Carol Clark, Cllr Philip Dennis, Cllr Lisa Grainge, Cllr Eileen Johnson, Cllr Mrs Jean O'Donnell, Cllr Paul Rowling, Cllr Tracey Stott, Cllr Laura Tunney, Cllr Matthew Vickers.

Officers: Peter Mennear and Kirsty Wannop(DCE).

Also in attendance: None

Apologies: Cllr Mrs Sylvia Walmsley, Cllr Chris Clough, Cllr David Wilburn,

1 Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

2 Minutes for Signature - 17th January 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th January 2017 were signed by the Chair as a correct record.

3 Draft Minutes - 21st February 2017

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 21st February 2017.

AGREED that the minutes be approved.

4 Scrutiny Review of Safety at Railway Crossing Points

The Committee considered the final report from the Crime and Disorder Select Committee's Scrutiny Review of Safety at Railway Crossing Points. Members were advised that the report had already been agreed by Cabinet and details of the recommendations were provided.

Members were given opportunity to make comments/ask questions that could be summarised as follows:-

- Did the Scrutiny Committee liaise and engage with the Tees Valley Combined Authority. It was explained that there had been no specific engagement with Tees Valley Combined Authority, but they may have a role in the future Road and Rail group that was being proposed.
- There were a number of foot crossings that were not highlighted. These were considered in the review and any issue could be highlighted to officers through the scrutiny monitoring process.
- Was the national railway crossing promotion video and strategy going to be used via social media to promote safety? This was a good idea and would be put forward as a way to promote and raise awareness of railway crossings.
- Allens West railway crossing was closing in June and this should be promoted via all avenues. This was something that the new Road and Rail Liaison Group was hoping to improve in terms of communication between agencies and public.
- It was also noted that it would be important to pick up other incidents of anti-social behaviour on or near railways.

AGREED that the final report be noted.

5 Select Committee Chairs' Updates

Members were provided with an update from the Select Committee Chairs.

Members were given opportunity to ask questions/make comments that could be summarised as follows:-

Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee

- The situation in Hardwick with the Stockton Health Centre Registered Patient Service was a big concern to the Committee. Work needed to be done to ensure a good quality GP Service for residents, and the Council was urging the CCG to ensure a service remained in the area. It was noted that GP services was a pressing issue across the Tees area.

- Members also commented that they were hoping to see improved engagement with the public part of the Better Health Programme consultation

Children and Young People Select Committee

- How far back did the transition to Adult Services start? This question would be put forward at the next meeting.

Crime and Disorder Select Committee

- Could the action plan for the Scrutiny Review of Dog Fouling Enforcement be forwarded to the Committee.

Place Select Committee

- What was the Review of Asylum Seekers focussing on? The Review was looking at local services and volunteer organisations.

- Discussion took place around the different volunteer organisations that could provide evidence.

- It was suggested that hate crime should be looked at during the review.

- It was also suggested that speaking to Asylum Seekers that have been granted leave to remain be approached to provide evidence on their experiences through the process.

AGREED that the Select Committee Chairs' updates be noted, and information be circulated as requested.

6 Statutory Forward Plan

The Committee considered the Statutory Forward Plan.

AGREED the Statutory Forward Plan.

7 Scrutiny Developments

There were no scrutiny developments reported.

8 Chair's Update and Executive Scrutiny Work Programme

The meeting on 6th June would be cancelled.

AGREED to note the Work Programme.

