

## Crime and Disorder Select Committee Chair's Update – March 2021

Scrutiny Review – Fly-Grazed Horses	
<b>Achieved since last meeting</b>	<p>Final report was presented to Cabinet in January 2021 where all recommendations were endorsed.</p> <p>A draft Action Plan in relation to the agreed recommendations was presented to the Committee in February 2021 – this was subsequently approved. Members requested that some of the unstated 'due dates' were confirmed as soon as possible to avoid any potential drift.</p>
<b>Problems or concerns</b>	None
<b>Planned next month</b>	As per existing monitoring arrangements, an initial progress update will be scheduled in for approximately 12 months (i.e. around February 2022).
<b>On track – yes / no</b>	Yes

Scrutiny Review – Fraud Awareness (Personal)	
<b>Achieved since last meeting</b>	The first evidence-gathering session for this review took place in January 2021 and involved contributions from the Local Authority (Trading Standards and Adult Safeguarding), Citizens Advice (SDAIS) and Age UK. A second session was held in February 2021 where the Committee received information from Cleveland Police, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for Cleveland, and the Victim Care and Advice Service (VCAS).
<b>Problems or concerns</b>	None
<b>Planned next month</b>	The next Committee meeting in March 2021 will be an informal (non-public) session to consider the summary of evidence in relation to this review, and then formulate draft recommendations.
<b>On track – yes / no</b>	Yes

Overview / Performance and Quality Assurance	
<b>Key Issues / Problems or Concerns</b>	<p><b>Overview:</b> Reports for the Administration, Democratic and Electoral Services (Licensing) and the Community Services and Transport directorates were presented to the Committee in February 2021.</p> <p><u>Administration, Democratic and Electoral Services (Licensing)</u> The Committee considered information on emerging issues (e.g. legislative and operational changes due to COVID-19, strengthening the</p>

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	<p>digital agenda), priorities for the year ahead (e.g. continuation of COVID-related support / advice and involvement in proactive engagement campaigns to promote public safety), and challenges and opportunities (e.g. increased activity around unlicensed dog-breeding and disruption of unlicensed scrap metal collection).</p> <p>Members commended the work of the service during an extremely challenging 2020-2021 and felt that it was a highly-organised department within the Council whose activity a large proportion of the public may not fully understand – as such, it was proposed that its work was publicised more widely (e.g. Stockton News) which may also aid in encouraging and reinforcing the reporting of concerns / issues for follow-up.</p> <p><u>Community Services and Transport</u> The Committee considered information in relation to crime and anti-social behaviour, hate crime, asylum and migration, the Civic Enforcement Service, and the Security and Surveillance Service.</p> <p>Members were pleased to see the very encouraging overall reduction in local crime incidents and commended the work of the various services outlined who operate at the 'coal-face' of local life. In addition, the service areas highlighted link into a number of partnerships the Local Authority prides itself on, and credit was due for keeping these going in the current climate, as well as maintaining contact / visibility with the public and adapting to new ways of working. It was also pleasing to see the Hate Crime agenda moving forward.</p>
<p><b>Requests for more information</b></p>	<p>None</p>

<b>Monitoring</b>	
<p><b>Key Issues / Problems or Concerns</b></p>	<p>The following progress updates have been received by the Committee since the last Executive Scrutiny Committee meeting:</p> <p><u>School Parking</u> A progress update was considered by the Committee in January 2021. Progress on the remaining School Parking review action had been significantly hampered by COVID-19, however, the proposed school parking video had now been produced and was shown. Members requested for subtitles to be added and a robust communications plan to be devised clearly outlining how and when the final version would be circulated (including how it would be promoted on Council platforms).</p> <p>A further update was provided to the Committee in February 2021, including consideration of an updated school parking video (with subtitles added) and an accompanying draft communications plan for</p>

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	<p>its circulation / use. Members approved the proposals which meant the Action Plan that was drawn-up and agreed following the completion of this review in 2016 could now be signed-off as complete.</p> <p>After the Committee meeting, Officers confirmed the intention to roll-out the video prior to the new school year in September 2021 to ensure maximum impact. The Council will look to support National Walking Month (May) and Walk to School week (17-21 May) as a short-term campaign to help encourage parents to walk more – this will lead up to the summer term, ready to do a larger campaign in September.</p> <p>Future progress updates regarding previously completed reviews will be received by the Committee as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protection of Vulnerable Older Residents Living at Home (TBC)</li> <li>• Councillor Call for Action (CCfA): Obstructive and Illegal Parking around Whitehouse Primary School (TBC)</li> <li>• Fly-Grazed Horses (TBC)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Requests for more information</b></p>	<p>None</p>

### Next Meetings

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021 (4.30pm) – informal (non-public) session  
 Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021 (4.30pm)