

Crime and Disorder Select Committee Chair's Update – July 2021

Scrutiny Review – Fraud Awareness (Personal)	
Achieved since last meeting	The agreed final report was presented to Cabinet in May 2021 where all recommendations were endorsed.
Problems or concerns	None
Planned next month	A draft Action Plan in relation to the review's agreed recommendations will be presented to the Committee in July 2021 for consideration and approval.
On track – yes / no	Yes

Scrutiny Review – Police Communications in Stockton-on-Tees (Task & Finish)	
Achieved since last meeting	<p>A draft scope and plan for this Task and Finish review was presented to the Committee in June 2021 and was subsequently approved.</p> <p>This review will focus on information-sharing and communications in Stockton-on-Tees between neighbourhood policing, local Ward Councillors, local residents and other key stakeholders. It will seek to ensure that appropriate information-sharing mechanisms are in place with a view to strengthening effective partnership-working within the Borough. It is envisaged that the Task and Finish Group's final report will be presented to Cabinet in November 2021.</p>
Problems or concerns	None
Planned next month	<p>The first meeting of the Task and Finish Group (to be confirmed) will focus on Cleveland Police, its communications strategy, engagement with Councillors / partners / public, and future communications priorities / plans.</p> <p>Consideration is also being given to the circulation of a survey to all Elected Members regarding their experience of communications with the Force.</p>
On track – yes / no	Yes

Scrutiny Review – Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs)	
Achieved since last meeting	<p>Following the initial tri-partite meeting, a draft scope and plan was presented to the Committee in June 2021 (accompanied by a background briefing) and was subsequently approved.</p> <p>The main aims of this review will be to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the requirements of introducing a PSPO and the

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	<p>process which needs to be followed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore further what a PSPO can be used for and whether the introduction of a PSPO in Stockton-on-Tees would have a benefit in reducing anti-social behaviour and crime in the Borough. • Ascertain the benefits and potential challenges of introducing a PSPO within the boundary of Stockton-on-Tees, including benefits to the Council's wider partners (i.e. Police, Fire). • Investigate any new and innovative ways of using a PSPO to improve community safety and address key issues in our communities. <p>Whilst many of the identified contributors to the review were various Council departments, it was also proposed to seek views from those partners who were most likely to be affected by this scrutiny topic, namely Cleveland Police and Cleveland Fire Brigade. Learning from other Local Authorities who had adopted PSPOs was a further important feature, and depending on the issues raised, there may be a need to involve specific interest groups. It was expected that the Committee's final report would be presented to Cabinet in February 2022.</p>
Problems or concerns	None
Planned next month	The first evidence-gathering session for this review will take place in July 2021 and will involve contributions from SBC Community Services and SBC Legal Services around existing anti-social behaviour challenges across the Borough (and the measures currently in place to tackle these), reasons for using a PSPO and expected benefits / challenges, the process for implementing a PSPO and the legal viability of introducing one.
On track – yes / no	Yes

Monitoring	
Key Issues / Problems or Concerns	<p>There have been no progress updates received by the Committee since the last Executive Scrutiny Committee meeting.</p> <p>Future progress updates regarding previously-completed reviews will be received by the Committee as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Call for Action (CCfA): Obstructive and Illegal Parking around Whitehouse Primary School (Jul 21) • Protection of Vulnerable Older Residents Living at Home (Sep 21) • Fly-Grazed Horses (TBC)
Requests for more information	None

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Next Meetings
Thursday 22 nd July 2021 (4.30pm) Thursday 9 th September 2021 (4.30pm)