

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

Scrutiny Review – Fraud Awareness (Personal)	
Achieved since last meeting	A draft Action Plan in relation to the review's agreed recommendations was presented to the Committee in July 2021 – this was subsequently approved.
Problems or concerns	None
Planned next month	The Committee will receive its first update on the progress of the agreed actions in mid-2022.
On track – yes / no	Yes

Scrutiny Review – Police Communications in Stockton-on-Tees (Task & Finish)	
Achieved since last meeting	A Ward Councillor survey was issued to all SBC Elected Members in August 2021 to ascertain their experiences of communications with Cleveland Police.
Problems or concerns	None
Planned next month	<p>The first meeting of the Task and Finish Group (23rd September 2021) will involve contributions from Neighbourhood Police Officers and will also seek to understand public / resident views via existing consultation reports. Feedback on responses to the Ward Councillor survey will also be considered.</p> <p>The second Group meeting (30th September 2021) will focus on Cleveland Police, its communications strategy, engagement with Councillors / partners / public, and future communications priorities / plans.</p>
On track – yes / no	Yes

Scrutiny Review – Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs)	
Achieved since last meeting	<p>The first evidence-gathering session for this review took place in July 2021 and involved 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.</p> <p>At its last meeting in September 2021, the Committee received submissions from several Council departments including Adult Safeguarding, Preventions (Help and Support), Environmental Health,</p>

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	and Homelessness and Housing Solutions. Representatives reflected on cases of anti-social behaviour impacting upon their service, what was done to address this, and how successful it was proving.
Problems or concerns	None
Planned next month	The next evidence-gathering session for this review will take place in October 2021 where key external partners (Cleveland Police and Cleveland Fire Brigade) are scheduled to present information on their experiences of anti-social behaviour across the Borough, views on a potential PSPO, and the benefits / challenges a PSPO may bring.
On track – yes / no	Yes

Monitoring	
Key Issues / Problems or Concerns	<p>The following progress updates have been received by the Committee since the last Executive Scrutiny Committee meeting:</p> <p><u>Councillor Call for Action (CCfA): Obstructive and Illegal Parking around Whitehouse Primary School</u> The first update following agreement of the Action Plan in November 2020 was provided to the Committee in July 2021. Although some actions had been hampered by the ongoing challenges posed by COVID-19, key developments were noted in several areas including continued school correspondence to parents / carers on this issue, the purchasing of a number of 'little people bollards' which had already been used with positive effect, and the circulation of the school parking video which was available on school and Council social media platforms. A further update would be provided in November 2021.</p> <p><u>Protection of Vulnerable Older Residents Living at Home</u> The first update following agreement of the Action Plan in October 2020 was provided to the Committee in September 2021. Developments in relation to Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Thirteen Housing Group-owned actions were noted, though further details were requested. The Committee was also made aware of progress around the use of community transport to facilitate access for older people to community-based activities, as well as improvements in information-sharing between the Council and its partners to aid in identifying and sharing details of those considered 'vulnerable'.</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 (Nov 21)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Protection of Vulnerable Older Residents Living at Home (TBC)• Fly-Grazed Horses (TBC)• Fraud Awareness (Personal) (TBC)
Requests for more information	None

Next Meeting
Thursday 7 th October 2021 (4.30pm)