

Crime and Disorder Select Committee Chair's Update – January 2022

Scrutiny Review – Police Communications in Stockton-on-Tees (Task & Finish)	
Achieved since last meeting	A summary of evidence (informal) session took place after the formal Committee meeting in November 2021 where draft recommendations were also formulated. The Task and Finish Group's draft final report was then considered by the Committee in December 2021 – this was agreed subject to an addendum reflecting concerns around poor communication in relation to a high-profile incident that occurred in the Hartington Road area of Stockton during December 2021.
Problems or concerns	None
Planned next month	The agreed final report will be presented to Cabinet in January 2022.
On track – yes / no	Yes

Scrutiny Review – Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs)	
Achieved since last meeting	<p>Evidence-gathering for this review concluded in November 2021 where the Committee reflected on the experiences of other Local Authorities who have implemented PSPOs (this included an in-depth presentation from Middlesbrough Borough Council), received feedback from Stockton Business Improvement District (BID) regarding anti-social behaviour, and considered some alternative views around PSPOs.</p> <p>A summary of evidence (informal) session took place after the formal Committee meeting in December 2021 – this included a written submission (originally requested in advance of the November 2021 meeting) from Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council regarding their use of PSPOs. Draft recommendations were then formulated.</p>
Problems or concerns	None
Planned next month	The draft final report will be considered at the next Committee meeting in January 2022, with the agreed final version scheduled to be presented to Cabinet in February 2022.
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></p> <p>The second update following agreement of the Action Plan in</p>

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	<p>November 2020 was provided to the Committee in November 2021. Members reiterated the parking challenges experienced by all schools in Stockton-on-Tees (and further afield), though recognised that some settings had additional complications depending on the layout of the surrounding area. The fact that there was no need for some of the measures outlined within the Action Plan may also indicate that those actions already implemented were now having a positive impact. A further progress update on the outstanding action relating to recommendation 9 ('school streets' concept), as well as developments around the 'little people bollards' idea outlined during the previous update in July 2021, will be provided in March 2022.</p> <p><u>Protection of Vulnerable Older Residents Living at Home</u></p> <p>The second update following agreement of the Action Plan in October 2020 was provided to the Committee in December 2021. Members agreed that, although the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) had assessed recommendation 1 as 'fully achieved', developments in relation to progress on the recommendations arising from Cleveland Police's 2019 PEEL inspection should still be provided as part of the next progress update. A debate then ensued around comments provided by Thirteen Housing Group in relation to the recommended extension of its older people support service to tenants in the Borough's dispersed bungalows on a needs-basis (in line with neighbouring Local Authorities). Representatives from Thirteen were in attendance to explain their position, and after the Committee expressed its disappointment that the intention of this recommendation was not being acted-upon, the importance of ensuring the appropriate personnel were involved in scrutiny reviews who could give evidence and had the authority to respond / agree to any subsequent recommendations was stressed.</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 (Mar 22) • Protection of Vulnerable Older Residents Living at Home (TBC) • Fly-Grazed Horses (Jan 22) • Fraud Awareness (Personal) (TBC)
<p>Requests for more information</p>	<p>None</p>

Next Meetings

Thursday 27th January 2022 (4.30pm)