

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

Scrutiny Review – Police Communications in Stockton-on-Tees (Task & Finish)	
Achieved since last meeting	The Task and Finish Group's final report was presented to Cabinet in January 2022 where all recommendations were subsequently endorsed. A draft Action Plan in relation to the agreed recommendations was considered and approved by the Committee in early-March 2022. An initial progress update regarding the agreed actions will be presented to the Committee in October 2022.
Problems or concerns	Further recent Cleveland Police staffing changes (due, on this occasion, to promotion / retirement of officers previously involved in the review) within the Stockton-on-Tees patch were noted by the Committee, with concerns expressed around the continuing turnover of key personnel and the impact this may have in police-related communications.
Planned next month	n/a
On track – yes / no	Yes

Scrutiny Review – Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs)	
Achieved since last meeting	The Committee's final report was presented to Cabinet in February 2022 where all recommendations were endorsed.
Problems or concerns	None
Planned next month	A draft Action Plan is now being collated by the review's Link Officer and is scheduled to be considered by the Committee in late-March 2022.
On track – yes / no	Yes

Scrutiny Review – Bonfires on Public Land	
Achieved since last meeting	<p>The draft scope and plan for the Committee's next review was considered and agreed in early-March 2022. Focusing on bonfire activity upon public land, the aims of this review will be to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish the extent of bonfire-related concerns (e.g. personal safety, damage to property, fly-tipping, etc.) within the Borough during the traditional 'bonfire night' season (mid-October to mid-November). • Understand what the Council and its partners have historically done to identify, address and reduce bonfire-related issues.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate what, if any, further measures can be put in place to strengthen the management, or reduction, of bonfires during this time period. <p>Key contributors have been identified as the Local Authority (Community Services, Environmental Health, Education / Youth Services), Cleveland Fire Brigade, Cleveland Police, housing providers, and the RSPCA / Wildlife Trust. The Committee's final report is scheduled to be presented to Cabinet in September 2022.</p>
Problems or concerns	None
Planned next month	The first evidence-gathering session will take place in late-March 2022 and will consider information from the Local Authority regarding data on locations / prevalence of cases, resources used to identify / manage cases, impact of incidents (damage / costs), and advice / guidance published regarding bonfires. In preparation for this initial evidence session, all Elected Members will be invited to highlight any bonfire hot-spots within their Wards.
On track – yes / no	Yes

Overview / Performance and Quality Assurance

Key Issues / Problems or concerns	Overview: The reports for the Administration, Democratic and Electoral Services (Licensing) directorate and the Community Services and Transport directorate were presented to the Committee in January 2022. No major issues raised by Members, with staff praised for their continuing efforts and achievements, particularly in the face of the ongoing pandemic.
Requests for more information	None

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>Fly-Grazed Horses</u> The first update following agreement of the Action Plan in February 2021 was provided to the Committee in January 2022. Members expressed disappointment that little progress had been made, much as a result of neighbouring Local Authorities deciding that they no longer wanted to be part of a joint policy in conjunction with Cleveland Police. The Committee looked forward to hearing of more positive</p>
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	<p>developments as part of a further progress update – this was requested for April 2022. It was also agreed that the Cleveland Police representative who was involved with the review should be invited to the April 2022 meeting to provide their own updates on Force actions in relation to the recommendations.</p> <p><u>Councillor Call for Action (CCfA): Obstructive and Illegal Parking around Whitehouse Primary School</u></p> <p>The third update following agreement of the Action Plan in November 2020 was provided to the Committee in November 2021. Members received an update in relation to the one outstanding action regarding the school streets concept – this approach, used in other areas, continues to be monitored and a further update will be provided in six months. An update on the use of the ‘little people bollards’ was also received, something the Committee was keen to see rolled-out further given the reported success of these by those schools using them.</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 (Sep 22) • Protection of Vulnerable Older Residents Living at Home (Jun 22) • Fly-Grazed Horses (Apr 22) • Fraud Awareness (Personal) (TBC) • Police Communications in Stockton-on-Tees (T&F) (Oct 22)
Requests for more information	None

Next Meeting

Thursday 31st March 2022 (4.30pm)