

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

Scrutiny Review – Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs)	
Achieved since last meeting	A draft Action Plan was presented to the Committee in late-March 2022 – this was subsequently approved. The initial progress update on the agreed actions will be presented to the Committee in October 2022.
Problems or concerns	None
Planned next month	n/a
On track – yes / no	Yes

Scrutiny Review – Bonfires on Public Land	
Achieved since last meeting	<p>The first evidence-gathering session for this review was held in late-March 2022, comprising a Local Authority focus involving contributions from representatives of SBC Community Services and Transport, Environmental Health, and Children's Services. The Committee heard about planning considerations for the mid-October to mid-November period, the Council's response around deterring, detecting and dealing with anti-social behaviour (including engagement with schools), and the impact of bonfires and related activity on services.</p> <p>At the last Committee meeting in April 2022, Cleveland Police provided information on their approach to the bonfire season. Members were informed about the partnership-working which takes place with SBC and Cleveland Fire Brigade, the legislative powers which allow the Force to take action on the illegal setting of fires, and bonfire-related disorder (including data).</p>
Problems or concerns	Cleveland Fire Brigade representatives were also due to be present at the April 2022 meeting to give evidence, but were unable to collate an appropriate response to the key lines of enquiry in time. This session will now take place at the next meeting in May 2022.
Planned next month	Evidence-gathering will continue in May 2022 with scheduled contributions from Cleveland Fire Brigade (deferred from April 2022) and Thirteen Housing Group. A request has also been made for a submission from the RSPCA around the impact of bonfires on wildlife.
On track – yes / no	Yes

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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 (Sep 22) • Protection of Vulnerable Older Residents Living at Home (Jun 22) • Fly-Grazed Horses (May 22) • Fraud Awareness (Personal) (Jun 22) • Police Communications in Stockton-on-Tees (T&F) (Oct 22) • Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) (Oct 22) <p><u>Fly-Grazed Horses</u></p> <p>The second update following agreement of the Action Plan in February 2021 was due to be provided to the Committee in April 2022. This, however, had to be cancelled as the required attendance of Cleveland Police was not possible. Concerns remain around the speed of progress of the Force's actions, and the next update has now been requested for the next Committee meeting in May 2022.</p>
Requests for more information	None

Next Meeting
Thursday 26 th May 2022 (4.30pm)