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

Scrutiny Review – Bonfires on Public Land	
Achieved since last meeting	The end-of-review tri-partite meeting was held in July 2022 to confirm draft recommendations before a draft final report was presented to, and approved by, the Committee in July 2022.
Problems or concerns	None
Planned next month	The Committee's agreed final report will be presented to Cabinet in September 2022.
On track – yes / no	Yes

Scrutiny Review – Tree Asset Management	
Achieved since last meeting	 The draft scope / plan was presented to, and approved by, the Committee in July 2022. With a view to reporting to Cabinet in February 2023, the main aims of the Committee's work will be to: Ascertain SBCs legal responsibilities and current policy for management of public tree stock. Examine the inspection and maintenance programme, the pressures contributing to the existing backlog, and the strategy / resources in place to address this. Consider future demand (including new developments, land adoptions / transfers, Ash Dieback planning, environmental strategy) and the impact this may have on required operational arrangements. Identified key contributors include relevant SBC departments (Community Services; Environment, Leisure & Green Infrastructure), SBC Elected Members, and other Local Authorities. Site visits are also anticipated.
Problems or concerns	None
Planned next month	The first evidence-gathering session will take place at the next Committee meeting in September 2022 and will involve an initial presentation from SBC Community Services on legislative requirements and SBC policy, inspection and maintenance programmes, key past / current / future pressures, and public engagement mechanisms (including complaints themes).
On track – yes / no	Yes

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Monitoring

Key Issues / Problems or Concerns

The following progress updates were received by the Committee since the last Executive Scrutiny Committee meeting.

Protection of Vulnerable Older Residents Living at Home

The third update on the agreed Action Plan in relation to this previously completed review was considered in July 2022. All outstanding actions were deemed fully achieved therefore the Action Plan was signed-off as complete (no further updates required). Members suggested that a summary report on any Cleveland Police PEEL inspection developments (which are overseen by the Cleveland Police and Crime Panel) is circulated to the Committee for information – the Cabinet Member for Access, Communities and Community Safety (a member of the Panel) would assist with this.

Fraud Awareness (Personal)

The first update on the agreed Action Plan in relation to this previously completed review was considered in July 2022. It was noted that the City of London Police (who run Action Fraud) are updating the service, with a new website envisaged for autumn 2022 and refreshed back-office functions in place for 2023 – this may provide future opportunities for Local Authorities to link-in with the fraud information they hold. Only one action was outstanding – this was around the provision of local digital inclusion projects.

Future progress updates regarding previously completed reviews will be received by the Committee as follows:

- Councillor Call for Action (CCfA): Obstructive and Illegal Parking around Whitehouse Primary School (Sep 22)
- Fly-Grazed Horses (TBC late-2022 / early-2023)
- Fraud Awareness (Personal) (TBC early-2023)
- Police Communications in Stockton-on-Tees (T&F) (Nov 22)
- Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) (Nov 22)

Requests for more information

None

Remaining 2022-2023 Scrutiny Reviews

None

Remaining 2022-2023 Meetings (all 4.30pm unless stated)

Thursday 29th September 2022 Thursday 12th January 2023 Thursday 3rd November 2022 Thursday 9th February 2023 Thursday 1st December 2022 Thursday 9th March 2023