

Crime and Disorder Select Committee Chair's Update – January 2023

Scrutiny Review – Tree Asset Management	
Achieved since last meeting	The third, and last, evidence-gathering session heard further contributions from SBC Community Services personnel regarding minimum service requirements, visual examples of the service in action, and Ash Dieback. The Committee was also provided with the responses received (thus far) to the SBC Elected Member survey.
Problems or concerns	None
Planned next month	A summary of the evidence received as part of this review will be considered at an informal session in January 2023 where draft recommendations will then be formulated.
On track – yes / no	Yes

Monitoring	
Key Issues / Problems or Concerns	<p>The following progress update was received by the Committee since the last Executive Scrutiny Committee meeting:</p> <p><u>Fly-Grazed Horses</u> The third update on the agreed Action Plan in relation to this previously completed review was considered in December 2022. A significant development involved Cleveland Police's intention to produce a policy based on Kent Police's approach (in essence, a recovery and green yard service). From an SBC perspective, its dedicated web pages and public information in relation to equine and tethering advice had been maintained and updated where necessary, and SBC Animal Welfare continued to operate and act on all reports of horses loose / on Council / private land, or instances where horses were causing a risk to the public or where there were welfare concerns. It was also noted that a further two officers had undertaken a qualification to assist in such cases, something the Committee welcomed. Since the recommended policy was unlikely to be in place until the next municipal year, a future update on progress would be scheduled for after the local elections in May 2023 (though Cleveland Police was asked to notify the Committee of any developments in relation to the policy in the meantime).</p> <p>Future progress updates regarding previously completed reviews will be received by the Committee as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fly-Grazed Horses (TBC – 2023-2024) • Fraud Awareness (Personal) (TBC – Feb 23) • Police Communications in Stockton-on-Tees (T&F) (Mar 23) • Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) (Mar 23) • Bonfires on Public Land (TBC – Mar 23)

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Requests for more information	None
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Remaining 2022-2023 Scrutiny Reviews
None

Remaining 2022-2023 Meetings (all 4.30pm unless stated)
Thursday 12 January 2023 (informal) Thursday 9 March 2023 Thursday 9 February 2023