

**Date:** Wednesday 20 September 2023 at 9.00 am

**Venue:** Meeting Room 1, Jim Cooke Conference Suite, Church Road, Stockton on Tees, TS18 1TU

## **AGENDA**

**1 Introductions/ Apologies for Absence**

**2 Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings held on 26 July 2023 (Pages 7 - 10)  
for confirmation and signature.

**3 Appointment of New Chair and Vice Chair**

**4 Public Space Protection Order Update**

**5 Stockton on Tees Bonfire Strategy** (Pages 11 - 16)

**6 Recorded Crime and Disorder Report (paper)** (Pages 17 - 22)

**7 RESTRICTED - iQuanta Report (paper)** (Pages 23 - 28)

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**KEY - Declarable interests are:-**

- Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI's)
- Other Registerable Interests (ORI's)
- Non Registerable Interests (NRI's)

**Members – Declaration of Interest Guidance**



**Table 1 - Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation</b>	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain
<b>Sponsorship</b>	Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the council) made to the councillor during the previous 12-month period for expenses incurred by him/her in carrying out his/her duties as a councillor, or towards his/her election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.
<b>Contracts</b>	Any contract made between the councillor or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners (or a firm in which such person is a partner, or an incorporated body of which such person is a director* or a body that such person has a beneficial interest in the securities of*) and the council — (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and (b) which has not been fully discharged.
<b>Land and property</b>	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the council. 'Land' excludes an easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which does not give the councillor or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/ civil partners (alone or jointly with another) a right to occupy or to receive income.
<b>Licences</b>	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the council for a month or longer.
<b>Corporate tenancies</b>	Any tenancy where (to the councillor's knowledge)— (a) the landlord is the council; and (b) the tenant is a body that the councillor, or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/ civil partners is a partner of or a director* of or has a beneficial interest in the securities* of.
<b>Securities</b>	Any beneficial interest in securities* of a body where— (a) that body (to the councillor's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the council; and (b) either— (i) the total nominal value of the securities* exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or (ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the councillor, or his/ her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners have a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

\* 'director' includes a member of the committee of management of an industrial and provident society.

\* 'securities' means shares, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds, units of a collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and other securities of any description, other than money deposited with a building society.

## Table 2 – Other Registerable Interest

You must register as an Other Registrable Interest:

- a) any unpaid directorships
- b) any body of which you are a member or are in a position of general control or management and to which you are nominated or appointed by your authority
- c) any body
  - (i) exercising functions of a public nature
  - (ii) directed to charitable purposes or
  - (iii) one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union) of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management

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## Safer Stockton Partnership

A meeting of Safer Stockton Partnership was held on Wednesday, 19th July, 2023.

**Present:** Cllr Steve Nelson (Chair), Cllr Norma Stephenson O.B.E (Vice-Chair), Cllr Mrs Ann McCoy, Marc Stephenson (SBC- Community Services), Dave Willingham (SBC- Children Services), Gary Knight (SBC- Housing), Jon Carling (Catalyst), Alex Sinclair (NHS), Sharon Cooney (SBC- Community Services), Dawn Tyreman (SBC- Community Protection), John Holden MBE (CURV), Richard Brown (Cleveland Fire Brigade), Jon Wrintmore, Jon Willoughby (Cleveland Police), Mandy MacKinnon (SBC - Adults, Health and Wellbeing), Denise Holian (OPCC).

**Officers:** John Devine (DS)

**Also in attendance:**

**Apologies:** Cllr Stefan Houghton (Fire Authority), Leanne Maloney-Kelly (SBC- Licensing), Mandie Rowlands (SBC-Children Services), Angela Corner (Thirteen Group), Sarah Bowman-Abouna (SBC-Public Health), Ann Powell (Head of Stockton & Hartlepool PDU)

### 1 Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on the 18th January 2023 were agreed as a true record.

### 2 Matters Arising: Chair and Vice Chair Lead Officer

Officers made the members of the partnership aware that following the local elections nominations for a Chair and Vice Chair would be needed following the meeting.

With all interested members needing to contact the lead officer with any nominations.

In relation to the lead officer role members were informed that Marc Stephenson (SBC- Community Services) would be stepping down, with the reasonability's for the partnership going to Sharon Cooney

Members noted the update.

### 3 Serious Violence - Curve Update

An updated report was given to members by the Cleveland Unit for Reduction of Violence (CURV).

Curv updated members with work which had been undertaken with the help of partner organisations such as audits and joint readiness assessments.

Curv would continue to work with partners to co fund a statutory need assessment which the data collection would finish in September 2023. In addition, Curv would be funding an enhanced youth survey on behalf of partners, which they took the opportunity to appeal to member for help in accessing Schools and other organisations for the survey.

Work around serious violence and the night time economy would soon be available, with a date in February being proposed for a summit in which an action plan would be delivered. From there CURV would look to work with

partners in the local area to deliver the action plan, an example given would be to standardise training for schemes such as the Ask Angela Scheme. CURV highlighted their Navigator programme and its expansion, with four navigators working in custody targeting repeat offenders. And the development of A&E navigators which were currently working alongside the South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

Members asked if the programme had plans to expand to work alongside the North Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, which CURV confirmed but advised that they had moved forward with South Tees first due to information access already being in place.

Community Sport mapping was discussed with members of the partnership as a scheme involving Middlesbrough had yielded a treasure trove of useful data for CURV to utilise. Work had begun to form a similar map for Stockton and Members were keen to Liaise with representatives from Middlesbrough to see if any lessons learned could be passed on. The possibility of connecting with a Youth Council if one existed in Stockton was a priority for CURV, this would be arranged by members to put CURV in contact with the Bright Minds Big Futures group.

AGREED that the update be noted.

#### **4 Anti-Social Behaviour Action Plan**

Officers from the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland presented a Anti-Social Behaviour Action Plan to members.

Taking members through the ASB Hotspot Patrol plan which had been published by the Government in March 2023 Officers highlighted the following points:

- Cleveland would be one of then pilot forces in the action plan, with £1 million in funding being allocated for March 23 to March 24.
- The plan would be using lessons learnt from pilots rolled out across England and Wales.
- The funding allocation for Cleveland in 24/25 was not known yet.
- Patrols would not target areas in which GRIP patrols are already taking place.
- 19 Antisocial Behaviour hotspots had been identified across the Cleveland area.
- All areas in the pilot would sign up to Community Safety Accreditation Scheme to maximise enforcement capabilities – Stockton was already CSAS accredited.

Members of the partnership voiced concerns over some of the Immediate Justice program outlined in the presentation. With questioned being raised over the use of high visibility jackets by offenders in the program and being seen as a badge of honour, which had been the case in other schemes.

That funding for the programme had been limited to one year with a question over the funding for the second year had some members concerned. Officers agreed with members concerns and assured them that a plan to secure further funding would be in place, with the some of the funding for 2023/2024 period



being absorbed by the Police and Crime Commissioners office. Officers would keep members up to date on any information on funding going forward. The definition of what a “Hotspot” was explained as an area smaller than a ward boundary size, and able to be patrolled within half an hour.

AGREED that the report be noted.

## **5 Public Space Protection Order Update**

The update on the Public Space Protection Order which was introduced in April 2023 and focusing on areas within Stockton and Norton.

People who had been contacted gave overwhelmingly positive feedback to Officers through social media and in person during the Councils Coronation Big Lunch. The partnerships had raised concerns over displacement, but it had not been seen to any significant degree, it would be monitored closing going forward.

The priority going forward for members would be to keep the momentum of the PSPO and make it a success.

Members reiterated that the PSPO in place had not made begging illegal but had been set up to punish the reported aggressive behaviour which had been reported.

RESOLVED the update be noted.

## **6 Off-Road Bikes and E-Scooters**

Representatives from Cleveland Police presented a report on Off-Road Bikes and E-Scooters to members.

In the report Officers highlighted several sections to members, some examples of the highlighted sections are as follows:

- The legal requirements to ride a Bike or E Scooter on the road, E.G. Driving Licence, Insurance, Road Tax, and number plate.
- Another section of the report outlined the legal position regarding the electric bikes/scooters.
- Officers also informed members of the power to seize and in which scenarios items would be seized.
- Stockton’s monthly analysis, which showed the number of incidents of Off-Road Bikes/ Quad Bikes during July 2021 to June 2023.

The education of the public of the legality around the use and purchase of Off-Road Bikes and E-Scooters, Police were hopeful that the more the public are educated on the issue the need for policing of the issue would decrease.

Members enquired if any work had been undertaken to make retailers provide notice of the legal responsibilities that go along with purchasing the scooters. It was pointed out by Officers that the Scooters and Bikes are readily available for purchase, and don’t require proof of licence to purchase like for an car.

Members praised the work of Stg Cookland, and the social media posts related to the issue.

AGREED the report be noted.

## **7 Recorded Crime and Disorder Report**

Members discussed the update outlining the Recorded Crime and Disorder statistics.

Police representatives brought to members attention a programme which had been rolled out by the Met Police, first developed by Humberside Police, known as Right Care, Right Person (RCRP).

The aim of the operational model was to change the way the emergency services respond to calls involving concerns about mental health. Cleveland Police would be looking at replicating the programme locally.

The crime figures for the 12 months shown in the report show a vast difference in levels, Members noted that reductions could be seen in the month-by-month figures and those figures would be reflected in the 12 monthly comparisons going forward.

Police and other members of the partnership were confident that the crime statistics would continue to improve as they went forward.

Stop and Search measures were discussed in the meeting, with members asking how scrutiny of those searches was done and what are the usual results. Police explained that the figures for the Stockton local authority area showed as having a 30% success rate, Police did state that the stop and search model works as a successful deterrent. The scrutiny of stop and searches had been handled at a national level review.

AGREED that the report be noted.

## **8 Supplement Agenda Items**

Officers gave members notice that the Local Authority had received a Domestic Homicide Review. Which would be looked at with partners when further information had been reviewed.

Members were also informed that going forward the Safer Stockton Partnership would be utilising Microsoft Teams for meeting paperwork

AGREED that Updates be noted.

## **9 RESTRICTED - iQuanta Report**

Members were presented with a restricted report that provided an overview on crime comparisons against other similar CSPs utilising iQuanta.

This report was a restricted document due to the statistical information only made available as an intelligence tool for partnerships until released by the Home Office.

AGREED that the report be noted.

# Stockton on Tees Bonfire Strategy 2023

Chloe Willows

Community Safety  
(Environmental Crime)

# Operation Bonfire 2023

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## Our Aims and objectives:

- Education and awareness
- Community Engagement
- Enforcement
- Response
- Monitoring and reporting



# Understanding community motives and our actions:

- The communities motives
- Our intentions
- Two elements to our approach
- Education
- Operational
- Reporting to [Civic.Enforcement@Stockton.gov.uk](mailto:Civic.Enforcement@Stockton.gov.uk)

- **How are our hotspot locations identified?**
- **Assessing our operation and its effectiveness for next year**
- **Policy Position**

**Thank you for your time ....**

# Any Questions?

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**Safer Stockton Partnership**  
**19/09/ 2023**

## **RECORDED CRIME & ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

### **Introduction**

1. This report provides an overview on recorded crime, anti-social behaviour incidents and domestic abuse in the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees for the 12-month period of August 2023.
2. The bulk of the statistics utilised for this report have been obtained from Cleveland Police crime statistic databases with the figures correct at the time of data extraction (15/09/2023). The data is extracted from 'live' systems and therefore remains the subject of on-going operational activity, audit and scrutiny.
3. This report will not provide any detailed analysis unless there are any substantial changes to patterns or trends.
4. A comparison against other similar Community Safety Partnerships utilising iQuanta is noted within a separate report (This report is a RESTRICTED document due to the statistical information only made available as an intelligence tool until released by the Home Office).
5. Any references to rates per 1,000 population are based on the ONS UK Mid-year population estimates for 2021.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **Crime**

The rate per 1,000 population (all ages)<sup>1</sup> for publicly reported crime in Stockton-on-Tees was 103.1 for July 2022- August 2023.

Between July 2022- August 2023, there were 20,353 publicly reported offences, which is an increase of 1813 crimes (or + 9.8%) on the same period in the previous year. Police generated crime, which includes crimes such as drug offences, public disorder and possession of weapons has increased by 208 crimes in comparison with the previous period, giving a total police generated crime figure of 4108 offences, up 5.3% on the same period the previous year. Overall, there was a total of 24461 crimes, equal to 2021 (9.0%) more crimes compared with the same period last year.

Comparing the number of crimes recorded in the period July 2021- August 2022 versus July 2022- August 2023, there were more of the following crime types recorded in the Borough: violence against the person; sexual offences; robbery; theft; criminal damage and arson; public disorder; trafficking of drugs; and possession of weapons.

Comparing the number of crimes recorded in the period July 2022- August 2023 versus July 2021- August 2022, there were fewer of the following crime types recorded in the Borough: Violence without injury, Rape, other sexual offences, Burglary Business & com., Bicycle theft, Trafficking of Drugs, and Possession of Weapons.

Compared with July 2022- August 2023 versus July 2021- August 2022, the largest reduction (-13%) in Police recorded offences in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to Rape.

### **Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)**

As at 31/1/23, reports of ASB to Cleveland Police show that across the Borough in the last 12 months, there was 3590 ASB incidents, which is +9.8% on the previous 12 months (3028 crimes).

Between 31/1/22- 31/1/23, 4,710 Service Requests were recorded by Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council Civic Enforcement team as ASB (including noise and alcohol issues).

### **Crime: July 2022- August 2023 versus July 2021- August 2022**

Table 1 below shows the number of crimes that have been recorded in Stockton-on-Tees between July 2022- Aug 2023 and Table 2 provides a one-month snapshot of the same for the last available month (August 2022). Please note, this does not necessarily mean that the crime occurred during that month, but it is the date that the crime was reported to Cleveland Police.

Key to note in Table 1 below, between July 2022- August 2023:

- There were 20353 publicly reported offences, which is an increase of 1813 crimes (or an increase of 9.8%) on the same period in the previous year. The largest reduction was in relation to Rape and the largest increase was in relation to Death or injury due to driving.

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<sup>1</sup> SOURCE: [Mid-Year Population Estimates, UK, 2021](#)

- Police generated crime, which includes crimes such as drug offences, public disorder and possession of weapons has increased by a further 208 crimes, giving a total police generated crime figure of 4108 offences, up 5.3% on the same period the previous year.
- Overall, there was a total of 24461 crimes in the current period, equal to 2021 (+9.0%) more crimes in the same period last year.
- The rate per 1,000 population (all ages)<sup>2</sup> for publicly reported crime in Stockton-on-Tees was 103.1 for July 2022- August 2023. This has increased from a rate of 93.9 in the same period last year.

Key to note in Table 2 below:

- In August 2023, 1634 publicly reported offences were recorded in the Borough, which is an decrease of 37 (or +2.2%) on August 2022. The largest increase was in relation to other sexual offences.
- Police generated crime, which includes crimes such as drug offences, public disorder and possession of weapons was 292 in August 2023, down by 70 (19.3%) versus December 2021. The largest increase was in relation to Possession of weapons.
- Overall, there was a total of 1926 crimes in the current period, equal to -107 (-5.3%) less crimes in August 2023 versus August 2022.

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<sup>2</sup> SOURCE: [Mid-Year Population Estimates, UK, October 2021](#)

**Table 1. Cleveland Police Crime Statistics for Stockton-on-Tees: July 2022- August 2023 versus July 2021- August 2022<sup>3</sup>**

Crime Type	Current Period	Previous Period	Difference	% Difference
<b>Violence against the person</b>	<b>9092</b>	<b>8673</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>4.8%</b>
<i>Homicide</i>	5	1	4	-
<i>Death or injury due to driving</i>	10	6	4	66.7%
<i>Violence with injury</i>	2213	1953	260	13.3%
<i>Violence without injury</i>	3156	3209	-53	-1.7%
<i>Stalking and Harassment</i>	3708	3504	204	5.8%
<b>Sexual offences</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>
<i>Rape</i>	20	23	-3	-13.0%
<i>Other Sexual offences</i>	553	555	-2	-0.4%
<b>Robbery</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>10.5%</b>
<b>Theft</b>	<b>7425</b>	<b>6318</b>	<b>1107</b>	<b>17.5%</b>
<i>Burglary - Residential</i>	1236	871	365	41.9%
<i>Burglary - Business &amp; Com.</i>	329	343	-14	-4.1%
<i>Bicycle Theft</i>	243	249	-6	-2.4%
<i>Theft from the person</i>	141	115	26	22.6%
<i>Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)</i>	1351	964	387	40.1%
<i>Shoplifting</i>	2365	2159	206	9.5%
<i>Other Theft</i>	1760	1617	143	8.8%
<b>Criminal damage and Arson</b>	<b>3000</b>	<b>2733</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>9.8%</b>
<b>Publicly Reported Crime</b>	<b>20353</b>	<b>18540</b>	<b>1813</b>	<b>9.8%</b>
<b>Public Disorder</b>	<b>2579</b>	<b>2528</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>2.0%</b>
<b>Drug offences</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>19.7%</b>
<i>Trafficking of drugs</i>	176	192	-16	-8.3%
<i>Possession/Use of drugs</i>	511	382	129	33.8%
<b>Possession of Weapons</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>-1.6%</b>
<b>Misc. crimes against society</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>8.7%</b>
<b>Police Generated Crime</b>	<b>4108</b>	<b>3900</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>5.3%</b>
<b>Total Crime</b>	<b>24461</b>	<b>22440</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>9.0%</b>

<sup>3</sup> SOURCE: Cleveland Police monthly crime statistics database

**Table 2. Cleveland Police Crime Statistics for Stockton-on-Tees: August 2023 versus August 2022<sup>4</sup>**

Crime Type	Aug-23	Aug-22	Difference (No. and %)	
<b>Violence against the person</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>-32</b>	<b>-4.3%</b>
<i>Homicide</i>	0	0	0	-
<i>Death or injury due to driving</i>	0	1	-1	-100.0%
<i>Violence with injury</i>	196	170	26	15.3%
<i>Violence without injury</i>	262	278	-16	-5.8%
<i>Stalking and Harassment</i>	260	301	-41	-13.6%
<b>Sexual offences</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>45.5%</b>
<i>Rape</i>	20	23	-3	-13.0%
<i>Other Sexual offences</i>	60	32	28	87.5%
<b>Robbery</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>-9</b>	<b>-33.3%</b>
<b>Theft</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<i>Burglary - Residential</i>	118	86	32	37.2%
<i>Burglary - Business &amp; Com.</i>	18	35	-17	-48.6%
<i>Bicycle Theft</i>	19	19	0	0.0%
<i>Theft from the person</i>	5	13	-8	-61.5%
<i>Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)</i>	107	88	19	21.6%
<i>Shoplifting</i>	176	186	-10	-5.4%
<i>Other Theft</i>	151	167	-16	-9.6%
<b>Criminal damage and Arson</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>-21</b>	<b>-8.6%</b>
<b>Publicly Reported Crime</b>	<b>1634</b>	<b>1671</b>	<b>-37</b>	<b>-2.2%</b>
<b>Public Disorder</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>-57</b>	<b>-25.8%</b>
<b>Drug offences</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>-14</b>	<b>-22.6%</b>
<i>Trafficking of drugs</i>	9	18	-9	-50.0%
<i>Possession/Use of drugs</i>	39	44	-5	-11.4%
<b>Possession of Weapons</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12.5%</b>
<b>Misc. crimes against society</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-3.6%</b>
<b>Police Generated Crime</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>-70</b>	<b>-19.3%</b>
<b>Total Crime</b>	<b>1926</b>	<b>2033</b>	<b>-107</b>	<b>-5.3%</b>

**Performance Highlights: July 2022- August 2023 versus July 2021- August 2022<sup>5</sup>**

Table 3 below highlights all areas where crime has reduced and has been ranked by the percentage reduction against the previous year, numeric reductions have also been provided for additional context, offence types in bold are combined offence types, whilst all others are individual offences.

**Table 3. All recorded offences which REDUCED against the previous year in Stockton-on-Tees: July 2022- August 2023 versus July 2021- August 2022<sup>6</sup>**

Offence Type	Numeric Reduction	Percentage Reduction
Rape	-3	-13
Trafficking of drugs	-16	-8.3%
Burglary - Business & Com.	-14	-4.1%
Bicycle Theft	-6	--2.4%
Violence without injury	-53	1.7%
Possession of Weapons	-4	-1.6%

<sup>4</sup> SOURCE: Cleveland Police Monthly Crime Statistics Database

<sup>5</sup> SOURCE: Cleveland Police monthly crime statistics database

<sup>6</sup> SOURCE: Cleveland Police monthly crime statistics database

Other Sexual offences	-2	-0.4%
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Key to note in Table 3:

Compared with July 2022- August 2023 versus July 2021- August 2022 overall the largest percentage reduction (-13%) in recorded offences in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to Rape.

**END OF REPORT**

# Agenda Item 7

By virtue of paragraph(s) 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A  
of the Local Government Act 1972.

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