

**Date:** Wednesday 22 November 2023 at 9.00 am

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

Cllr Steve Nelson  
Cllr Norma Stephenson OBE

Cllr Mrs Ann McCoy

## **AGENDA**

- 1 Evacuation Procedure**
- 2 Introductions/ Apologies**
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**9am Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024, Jim Cooke  
Conference Room 1, Municipal Buildings.**

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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, 20 September 2023.

**Present:** Cllr Norma Stephenson OBE (Chair), Cllr Steve Nelson, Cllr Stefan Houghton, Marc Stephenson, Errol Parks, Chris Dunwell, Dawn Tyerman (SBC- Community Services), Mandy Mackinnon (SBC-Public Health), Dave Willingham (SBC- Children Services), Chloe Willow (SBC – Environmental Crime Co-ordinator), Gary Knight (SBC-Housing), Jon Carling (Catalyst), Angela Corner (Thirteen Group), Sarah Wilson (OPCC), Stu Hodgson, Dan Heron (Cleveland Police), Ann Powell (Probation Service), Kay Nicolson (A Way Out)

**Officers:** Judy Trainer (Democratic Services)

**Apologies:** Cllr Mrs Ann McCoy, Leanne Maloney-Kelly (SBC- Licensing), Alex Sinclair (NHS), Sharon Cooney (SBC – Community Services), Richard Brown (Cleveland Fire Brigade)

### 1 Appointment of Chair

AGREED That Councillor Norma Stephenson OBE be appointed at Chair.

### 2 Appointment of Vice Chair

3 AGREED That Superintendent John Whitmore be appointed at Vice Chair.

### 4 Minutes – 19 July 2023

AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2023 be approved as a correct record.

### 5 Stockton on Tees Bonfire Strategy Update

The Partnership received a presentation outlining:

- The aims and objective of Operation Bonfire 2023
  - 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:
    - Educational
    - Operational
- How are hotspot locations identified
- Assessing the Operation and effectiveness for next year
- Policy Position

Key issues highlighted and discussed:

- A list of hot spot areas was being finalised and would be circulated

- Success measures for the Operation included achieving a reduction in hot spot areas and minimising combustibles and bonfires
- A community event for next year was being investigated to provide a diversionary activity
- Details of the Action Day would be circulated when finalised
- Communications focused on Bonfire Night and not Mischief Night to avoid raising the profile of this
- Jon Carling undertook to provide details of Youth United Stockton (YUS) as they had Borough wide coverage

Partners were encouraged to keep feeding in any intelligence to Civic.Enforcement@Stockton.gov.uk.

AGREED that the presentation be noted and a further update provided in November.

## **6 Public Space Protection Order Update**

The Partnership received an update on the operation of the Public Space Protection Order which had been introduced in April 2023 and focusing on areas within Stockton and Norton. As at 10 September 2023, the following warnings/ notices had been issued:

- Tier 1 PSPO instruction – Individuals breaching PSPO for first time - 129 (74 of which issued in April and May, 55 issued since end of May)
- Tier 2 PSPO warning – Individuals breaching PSPO for second time (within 28 days from Tier 1) - 44
- Tier 3 PSPO Fixed Penalty Notice – Individuals breaching PSPO for third time (within 28 days from Tier 2) - 17 (15 issued before end of June, 2 since)
- Alcohol confiscations – seized or destroyed at the scene of incident - 28

The Partnership acknowledged the positive impact of the PSPO. Key issues discussed included:

- Some displacement had been experienced from the fountains area to the bottom of Silver Street and Parish Gardens; the local community/ Church helped to flag up issues being experienced in this area
- Positive feedback had been received from market traders
- Officers continued to patrol in Norton Village although there were very few cases where legislative powers had been exercised
- Use of the legislation was discretionary and Enforcement Officers often signposted individuals to other support available; a formal referral process was something that could be explored in the future

AGREED the update be noted.

## **7 Recorded Crime & Disorder**

Members considered a report providing an overview on recorded crime, anti-social behaviour incidents and domestic abuse in Stockton on Tees for the 12-



month period between July 2022 and August 2023.

Key issues highlighted and discussed included:

- There was an overall reduction in total crime in Stockton on Tees
- Recognising the younger workforce, younger officers were being teamed with more experienced officers. Work was focusing on improving investigation and response
- A Week of Action was planned in October providing crime prevention visits and advice to tackle Shop Theft
- Further analysis was needed to understand burglary statistics due to changing definitions – Operation Elder was still running
- Operation Deterrence continued to provide a focus on violent crime hotspots
- Action to break the drug supply continued - six houses supplying drugs had been targeted in last two months
- Members commented that they would expect an increase in acquisitive crime due to cost of living pressures and questioned where there was an element of under-reporting. This would be a message for the Week of Action. It was also noted that police divert shoplifters to other agencies. Jon Carling undertook to provide details of VCS organisation who could provide support
- Thirteen Group were keen to work with the police to tackle bike hotspots and had access to funding to support this

AGREED that the report be noted and actioned as appropriate.

## **8 Any Other Business**

### **Domestic Homicide Review (DHR)**

The Chair of the SSP had taken a decision to commence a DHR following a suicide earlier in the year with Domestic Abuse as a potential contributory factor. A conference has been held in August attended by key stakeholders and NEPO had been instructed to commence a tendering process to appoint an Independent Chair. Once appointed, the Independent Chair would be in touch with every member of the Partnership and the review would be completed within 6 months.

It was noted that where there was a suicide with Domestic Abuse known, there should be a DHR. In addition, the Suicide Prevention Co-ordinator should inform Public Health in cases where Domestic Abuse was present. Mandy Mackinnon undertook to contact the Suicide Prevention Co-ordinator to ensure that notifications were being received.

AGREED that the update be noted and actioned as appropriate.

### **Problem Solving Masterclass**

In response to a recognised need, a well-respected and experienced trainer had been identified to provide a training day for partnership members around problem solving. It was proposed to use a scheduled meeting of the Partnership

to deliver the training which would cost in the region of £1000.

AGREED that the training proposal be supported.

### **Bid to Safer Streets 5**

Stockton on Tees Borough Council and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner had submitted a bid to the Home Office for Safer Streets 5 funding. The bid was seeking to secure a range of crime prevention measures and also support engagement work with women and girls. For this round, match funding could include officer time. The outcome was expected in September and a Working Group would be established if funding was secured to deliver the actions.

AGREED that the update be noted.

## **9 Restricted - I Quanta 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.



# Selective Licensing

# Background

## Selective Licensing

- Selective Licensing schemes can be introduced where **one or more** of the following requirements are met:
  - Low housing demand
  - Significant problems with anti-social behaviour
  - Higher than average crime rates
  - High levels of deprivation
  - Poor housing conditions

**ALSO need to consider whether the area has a high proportion of properties in the private rented sector**

- Proposing 3 areas; Central Stockton, North Thornaby & Newtown.

# Selective Licensing

## Selective Licensing

- Owners/managers required to apply for a licence for each residential property they let
- Licences valid for up to 5 years
- Mandatory & Discretionary Licence Conditions including;
  - Referencing of all new tenants by the Council
  - Requirement to tackle anti-social behaviour
- Failure to obtain a licence or adhere to licence conditions is an offence

# Fees

## Selective Licensing

- Proposed licence fee of £653 (per property)
  - £178 initial application fee
  - £95 per annum after an application is approved
- Proposed £50 discount (per property) for members of:
  - SBC Landlord Accreditation Scheme
  - Private Landlords Supporting Stockton (PLuSS)
  - National Landlord Associations

# Implementation

## Selective Licensing

### Selective Licensing Team

- Processing of applications, issuing of licences, operation of the scheme
- Referencing tenants
- Local presence in designated areas
- All licensed properties to be visited and inspected
- Tackle anti-social behaviour & environmental issues
- Work closely with the Private Sector Housing & Community Safety teams

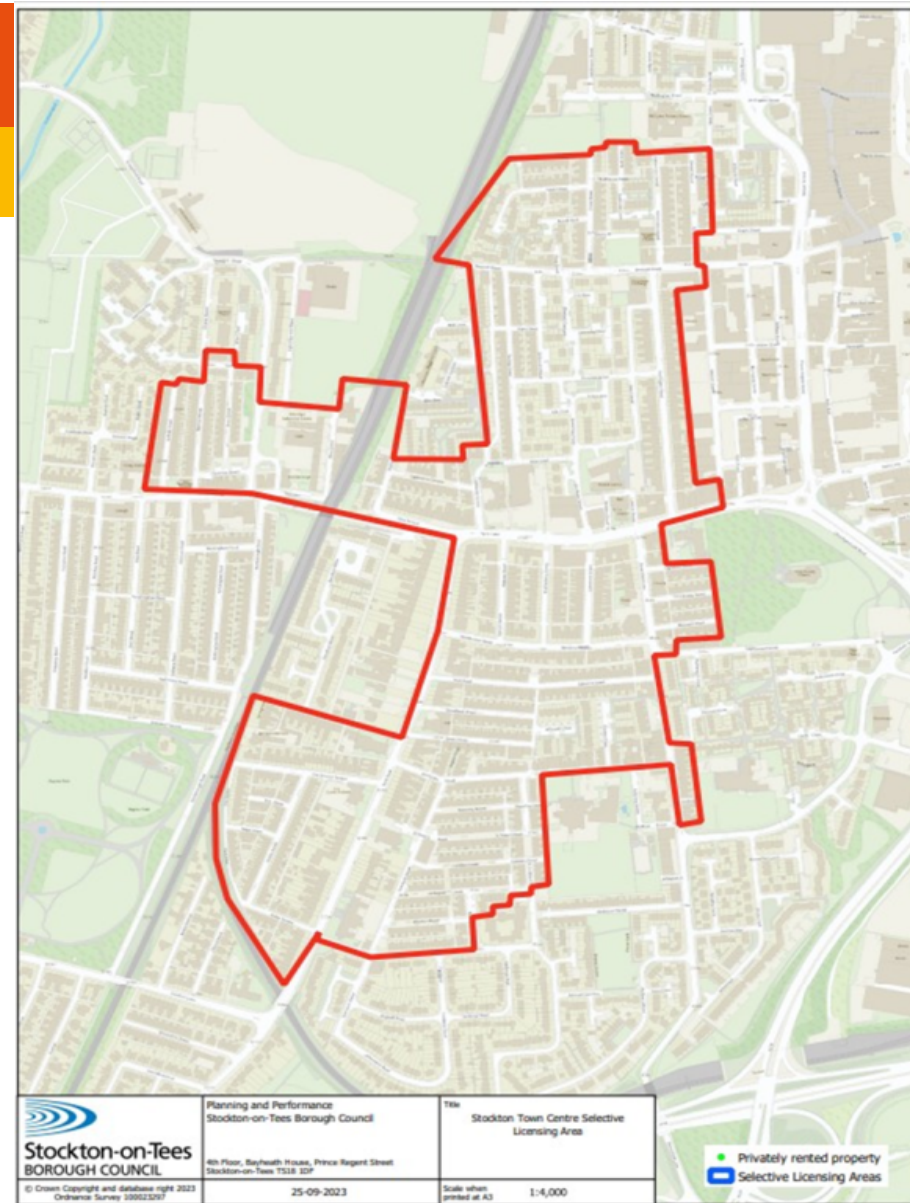
# Proposed Areas

## Selective Licensing

### Area 1: Central Stockton

The Central Stockton area straddles in part, the Stockton Town Centre ward and the Ropner ward.

The map identifies the proposed Central Stockton Selective Licensing area within the red line boundary.





# Proposed Areas

## Selective Licensing

### Area 2:

### North Thornaby

The North Thornaby area is within the Mandale and Victoria ward.

The map identifies the proposed North Thornaby Selective Licensing area within the red line boundary.



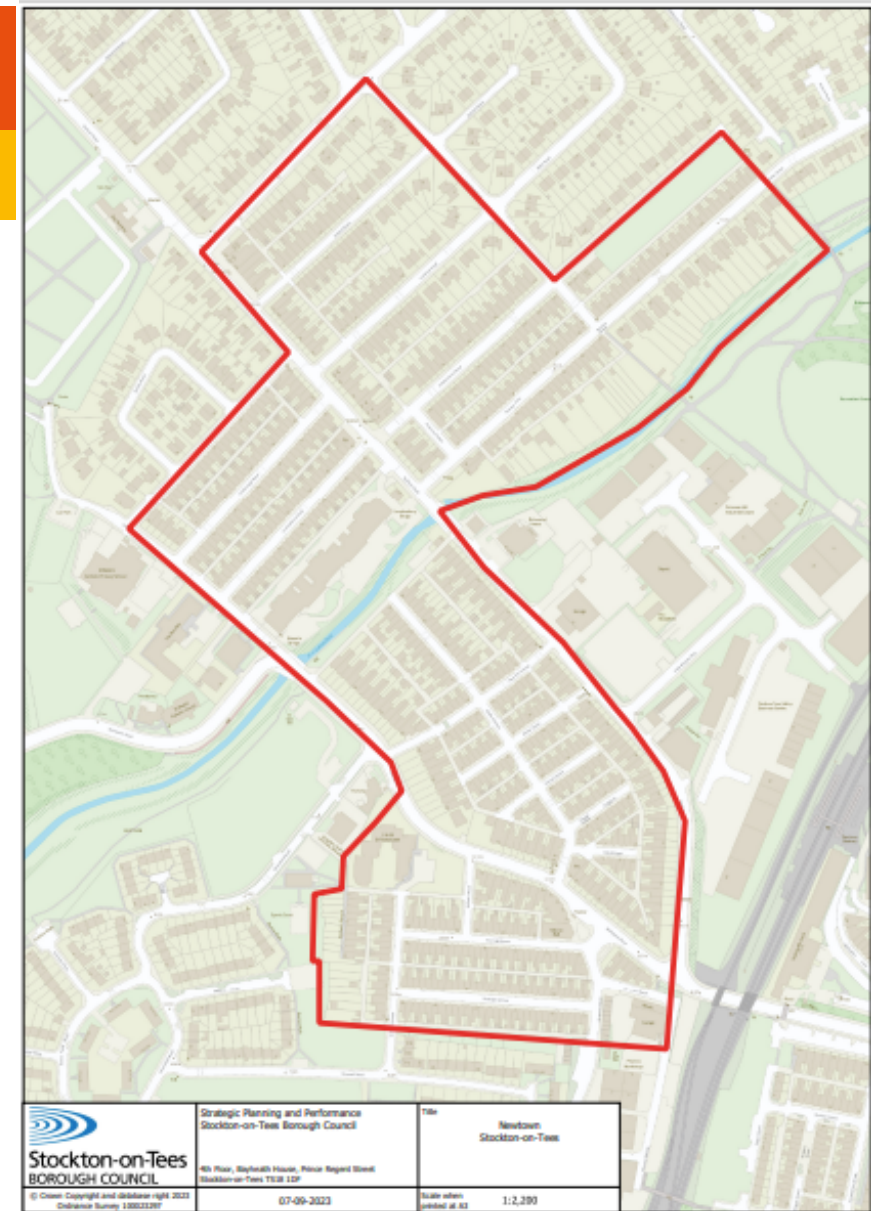
# Proposed Areas

## Selective Licensing

### Area 3: Newtown

The Newtown area is within the Newtown ward.

The map identifies the proposed Newtown Selective Licensing area within the red line boundary.



# Consultation

## Selective Licensing

Before introducing Selective Licensing, the Council must undertake consultation with residents, businesses, landlords, managing agents and other stakeholders about the proposal.

### **We are interested in your views**

The consultation started on Monday 6th November and closes at 4pm on Friday 19th January 2024.

You can view a full copy of the Selective Licensing Scheme Proposal, including the evidence, maps, and proposed licensing conditions via;

[www.stockton.gov.uk/selective-licensing-scheme-2023](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/selective-licensing-scheme-2023)

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# Prevention and diversion with Children and Young People

Developing a full partnership strategic response to tackling  
youth crime

**Supt John Wrintmore**



# What?

- Current Crime challenges
- Are we focussing on the right areas and the right agencies
- Stockton – socio / economic drivers and breaking the cycle
- Is it working – Is there an opportunity to improve



# Why?

- We owe it to the next generation
- It's where we will see the greatest impact and benefits
- Re-offending by children costs society around £1.5 Billion per year
- Evidence shows that early intervention with vulnerable children reduces the risks of offending – why wait until they are in the system



# How – a proposal

- Scope national best practice
- Review the current offering
- Identify gaps and opportunities
- Current ownership, accountability and governance
- Establish small working – develop 4P plan





# Questions and discussion



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Sent via email only: [sharon.cooney@stockton.gov.uk](mailto:sharon.cooney@stockton.gov.uk)

16<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Sharon,

Re: Domestic Abuse Commissioner's Office - Domestic Homicide Review Oversight Pilot (DHR-OM)

Following the request made by the Domestic Abuse Commissioner (DAC) for expressions of interest to be submitted by local Community Safety Partnerships and Police and Crime Commissioners to deliver one of two DHR oversight mechanism pilots; one which pilots CSP's, and one which pilots PCC's providing the oversight mechanism, my office is interested in submitting an application to pilot this from the perspective of the PCC oversight mechanism.

### **Domestic Abuse Commissioner's Office Context**

The purpose of the Domestic Homicide Oversight Mechanism (DHOM) is to bring independence to the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) process post publication of reviews to ensure that there is local and national accountability for the implementation of DHR recommendations, as well as identifying common themes and trends and supporting change at a national level. This includes ensuring that learning is shared nationally, improving the effectiveness of DHR recommendations, and demonstrating where there is change following DHR recommendations. The Domestic Abuse Commissioner's, 'Domestic Homicide Oversight Mechanism' seeks to add value, provide consistency, and improve the quality of DHR processes.

### **Local Oversight Pilot**

The purpose of the local oversight pilot is to test and learn the best way for the DAC to oversee the implementation of recommendations and actions within DHRs, and to inform the development of the oversight mechanism for roll out nationally.

This will provide an opportunity to understand the capacity and resource required to carry out effective oversight, the needs of local areas and how oversight can best support local implementation of recommendations and evidence impact.



Approach:

The DAC will be testing two models, one of which is led at the local level by the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) and one of which is led at the local level by the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC).

In order to progress an expression of interest, due by 1 December 2023, my office will be required to submit the following information:

- Number of DHRs in your area (breakdown by status - pending, published, ongoing), the dates of publication and the area they relate to.
- A description of governance arrangements for DHR local oversight including any task and finish groups/subgroups.
- Whether there are any existing or planned mechanisms for analysis of trends in DHRs and their recommendations in the local area.
- Details of learning events held or planned.
- Details of any reporting and monitoring system in place for tracking action and implementation of recommendations.
- Confirmation of willingness from partners to engage in local oversight pilot.
- A summary of the resource commitment including the amount of funding for DHRs, and which partners currently contribute to the process.
- Whether we are utilising Real Time Suicide Surveillance.
- How the PCC is currently involved in DHR processes and implementation of recommendations.
- Nominate a designated officer to liaise with the DAC office
- Share all completed DHRs and Action Plans from the previous 3 years.
- Provide information about any pending or ongoing DHRs in the area.
- Complete an implementation form 6 months following publication of DHR, setting out progress.

I would therefore like to request your support for our expression of interest - If you are agreeable, Tracey Brittain – Policy, Partnerships and Delivery Manager will make contact with each local authority domestic abuse coordinator to access the required information as outlined above.

Regards



Steve Tuner  
Police & Crime Commissioner for Cleveland

# Agenda Item 9

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# Agenda Item 10

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