

Date: Thursday 19 October 2023 at 4.30 pm

Venue: Jim Cooke Conference Suite, Stockton Central Library, Stockton-on-Tees,
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Cllr Pauline Beall (Chair)
Cllr Paul Rowling (Vice-Chair)

Cllr John Coulson
Cllr Jason French
Cllr Sylvia Walmsley
Cllr Sally Ann Watson

Cllr Richard Eglington
Cllr Barbara Inman
Cllr Alan Watson

AGENDA

- 1 Evacuation Procedure** (Pages 7 - 8)
- 2 Apologies for Absence**
- 3 Declarations of Interest**
- 4 Minutes**
To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 21 September 2023 (Pages 9 - 14)
- 5 Monitoring the Impact of Previously Agreed Recommendations - Fly-Grazed Horses**
Progress report for the previously completed Fly-Grazed Horses review. (Pages 15 - 30)
- 6 Scrutiny Review of Outdoor Play Provision: Quality and Distribution, Maintenance, and Physical Accessibility**
To consider and agree the scope and project plan for the review. (Pages 31 - 36)
- 7 Chair's Update and Select Committee Work Programme 2023-2024** (Pages 37 - 40)

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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

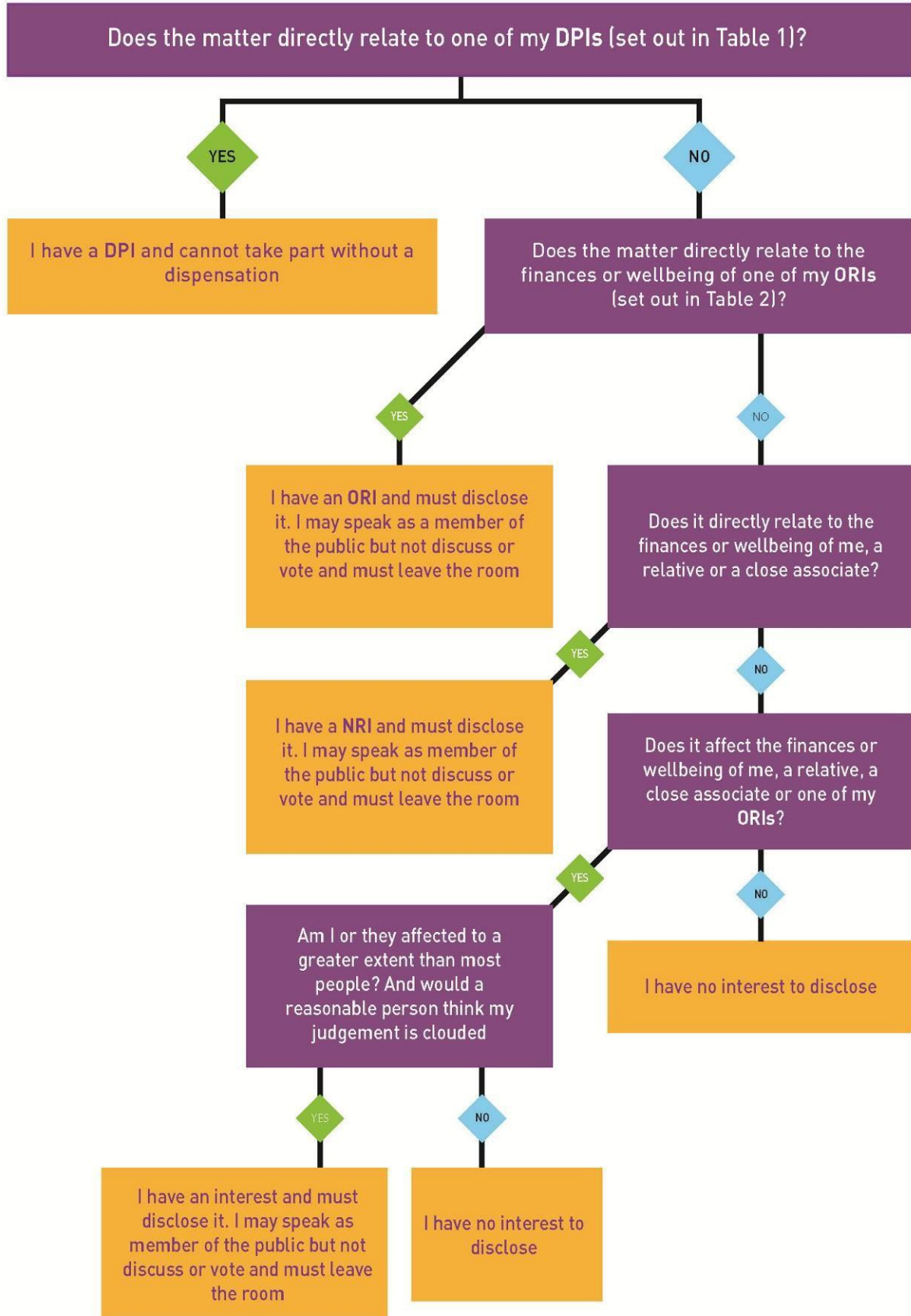


Table 1 - Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

| Subject | Description |
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| Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation | Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain |
| Sponsorship | 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. |
| Contracts | 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. |
| Land and property | 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. |
| Licences | Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the council for a month or longer. |
| Corporate tenancies | 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. |
| Securities | 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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Crime and Disorder Select Committee

A meeting of the Crime and Disorder Select Committee was held on Thursday 21 September 2023.

Present: Cllr Pauline Beall (Chair), Cllr Paul Rowling (Vice-Chair), Cllr John Coulson, Cllr Richard Eglinton, Cllr Jason French, Cllr Shakeel Hussain (sub for Cllr Sally Ann Watson), Cllr Barbara Inman, Cllr Sylvia Walmsley, Cllr Alan Watson

Officers: Sharon Cooney, Marc Stephenson (A,H&W); Gary Woods (CS)

Also in attendance: Cllr Norma Stephenson OBE (Cabinet Member for Access, Communities and Community Safety)

Apologies: Cllr Sally Ann Watson

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| 1 | <p>Evacuation Procedure</p> <p>The evacuation procedure was noted.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>There were no interests declared.</p> |
| 3 | <p>Minutes</p> <p>Consideration was given to the minutes of the Crime and Disorder Select Committee meeting which was held on 27 July 2023 for approval and signature.</p> <p>As referenced within the ‘Overview Report 2023’ item, Members had requested a breakdown of crime data (per crime type), as well as any crime locality maps – both had since been circulated to the Committee.</p> <p>AGREED that the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 27 July 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.</p> |
| 4 | <p>Monitoring the Impact of Previously Agreed Recommendations - Bonfires on Public Land</p> <p>Consideration was given to the assessments of progress on the implementation of the recommendations from the Committee’s previously completed review of Bonfires on Public Land. This was the second progress update following the Committee’s agreement of the Action Plan in November 2022, with developments in relation to the outstanding agreed action noted as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Recommendation 5 (To further deter the construction and lighting of unauthorised bonfires, SBC identifies any alternative sites within the Borough where official bonfires may be able to be facilitated in the future):</u> There was continued work to identify and accurately track bonfire |

hotspots, and this would continue throughout the year and approaching 2023 season. Case Management Officers had been tasked with engagement activity over the next few months to identify potential sites and discuss with residents and businesses, and work was being undertaken with Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (SBC) Licensing and SBC Corporate Communications to identify and publicise organised events across social media platforms.

Further developments in relation to agreed actions previously signed-off in March 2023 as fully achieved were also relayed to the Committee. Some minor errors on the enclosed information leaflets had been identified and corrected, and it was stated that Shrewsbury Town Council was no longer proceeding with their approach to unauthorised bonfires. Incident reporting and recording was also being thoroughly investigated this year as there was a desire to understand why people were behaving the way they were – this would inform the Action Plan ahead of the annual bonfire season.

In related matters, the Committee began its questioning by highlighting problems with people bringing van loads of fireworks into an area. Officers stated that it was difficult to counter such activity without intelligence, and the Council and its key partners relied on information regarding where fireworks were being stored and sold. From a SBC perspective, reports of inappropriate firework sales or rogue products elicited a multi-department response from both the Licensing and Trading Standards teams respectively.

The issue of fly-tipping was raised by Members who also promoted the established online reporting mechanisms which had previously proved effective in reducing the availability of things to burn. Assurance was given that people could be prosecuted for putting materials on bonfires, and that whilst fly-tipping rates were significant across the Borough, SBC recorded it differently to other Local Authorities. The level of prosecutions for fly-tipping was low, but was only one means of enforcement – fixed penalty notices (FPNs) had been used (for a first offence only) without the need to go to court, though more significant fly-tipping was prosecuted where required.

With reference to the draft information leaflets included in the supplementary document outlining further progress on actions previously achieved, the Committee queried if there was any evidence that these posters worked, and commented that some had too much text. Officers acknowledged that certain individuals who were minded to set fires would ignore such messaging, but that there was some evidence that fly-tipping incidents had reduced. Leaflets / posters promoted reporting mechanisms and were distributed in both hard-copy and electronic format, though it was important to determine the best type of communications for a specific area (e.g. correspondence using a SBC letterhead had proved effective in some Wards).

Recognising that fire setting was not confined to the Borough, Members asked if officers worked with other Tees Valley Local Authorities to mitigate

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| | <p>bonfire-related issues. It was subsequently confirmed that work was undertaken on a regional and national basis (particularly Trading Standards) with colleagues from other Councils. Further to a query on engagement with children’s charities around diversionary activities, officers confirmed that liaison mainly takes place with SBC Youth Support and Corner House Youth Project.</p> <p>Finally, attention was drawn to the use of the term ‘mischief night’, with Members emphasising that some of the actions seen during that particular evening were anything but ‘mischief’ and were more akin to criminal behaviour. Officers fully accepted this view, though noted that the term was used as that was how it was known locally.</p> <p>AGREED that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) the Bonfires on Public Land progress update be noted and the assessment for progress be confirmed. 2) the next update on progress be scheduled for the Committee meeting in December 2023. |
| <p>5</p> | <p>Safety of Staff in the Night-Time Economy</p> <p>Further to discussions at the recent initial tri-partite meeting regarding this scrutiny topic suggestion, and following a subsequent request by the Chair, a report was presented to the Committee which highlighted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Background</u>: In August 2023, a jointly commissioned Cleveland-wide problem profile of understanding violence in the night-time economy was undertaken by Crest Advisory (which could be shared with the Committee following this meeting), a think-tank who were experts in areas such as justice, policing and public safety. The report highlighted a number of key findings which were relevant to consider in the context of staff safety in the night-time economy, although the safety of staff working within the night-time economy did not feature as an area of specific concern within the findings, despite those working in the night-time economy contributing to the report itself. The profile also made clear that there was a lack of available baseline data regarding staff safety in the night-time economy. • <u>Current Measures</u>: National Pubwatch was a voluntary organisation set up to promote best practice through supporting the work of local Pubwatch schemes. Its aim was to achieve a safer drinking environment in all licensed premises throughout the UK. The basic principle of Pubwatch was that its licensee members would agree to work together to improve the safety of their premises, for the benefit of their staff and customers. It was also a means to discharge a part of a licensee’s health and safety responsibility to their staff and customers. <p>Incidents that occur within all the Borough’s town centres, including in the night-time economy, feature in the established Joint Action Group (JAG)</p> |

which was made up of key partners across Stockton-on-Tees, including Cleveland Police. Data in relation to incidents, emerging trends, intelligence and feedback were monitored on a regular basis and appropriate actions taken to address problems. Over the past several years, there had been no recorded issues or concerns raised in relation to staff safety in the night-time economy – in addition, incidents involving staff were not recorded separately and therefore baseline information on the extent of this issue was not available. However, the JAG, and the work of CURV (Cleveland Unit for the Reduction of Violence), ensures that key issues such as serious violence were closely monitored, and measures put in place could have secondary benefits to staff as well as visitors to the night time-economy.

In order to inform the development of the multi-agency approach to issues arising in the night-time economy, best practice from around the country was considered which can also be adopted here in Stockton-on-Tees. This was co-ordinated via both Stockton Business Improvement District (BID) and also the wider Safer Stockton Partnership (SSP) which scrutinises both activity and results to ensure that the response was both efficient and impactful.

- Licensing: Licence holders should make provision to ensure that premises-users safely leave their premises. Measures that may assist include providing information on the premises of local taxi companies who can provide safe transportation home and ensuring adequate lighting outside the premises, particularly on paths leading to and from the premises and in car parks. However, transport to and from work is not a licensable activity and therefore cannot be considered as a condition attached to a licence and, as such, cannot be enforced.
- Conclusion: Discussions at the initial tri-partite for this scrutiny proposal led to the conclusion that there would be little to gain from carrying out a full review of this topic in isolation, especially given that regular updates on issues such as this could be provided to the Committee should it be requested. As far as current activity goes, national guidance was being adopted, new initiatives to tackle emerging issues were being regularly put in place, and SBC was currently fully maximising its licensing activity to the extent that the current legislation allows. As a result, it was recommended that the objectives outlined in the scrutiny review proposal could be met through the existing arrangements already in place as outlined in this report.

After considering the content of the report, the Committee agreed that an in-depth review of the Safety of Staff in the Night-Time Economy topic was not required, though did encourage the continued sharing of good practice (some of which had been identified as part of the early preparations for this topic) to reinforce responsible behaviour around safety within and around premises. Members also felt that a future update on any developments in relation to this issue would be useful.

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| | <p>Reflecting on their own personal experience of working in the licensed trade for three decades, one Member emphasised their focus on ensuring the safety of staff whilst they were actually <i>at work</i>, and also stated that Pubwatch was only effective if all those involved stuck to its principles. Reinforcing appropriate guidance to those who did not act as they should was encouraged.</p> <p>AGREED that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) the content of the Safety of Staff in the Night-Time Economy report be noted. 2) the objectives outlined in the original scrutiny topic suggestion be met through the existing arrangements already in place (as opposed to undertaking an in-depth scrutiny review). |
| <p>6</p> | <p>Chair's Update and Select Committee Work Programme 2023-2024</p> <p><u>Chair's Update</u></p> <p>The Chair had no further updates.</p> <p><u>Work Programme 2023-2024</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the current Crime and Disorder Select Committee Work Programme. The next meeting was scheduled for 19 October 2023 and would include the latest update on progress of outstanding actions in relation to the previously completed Fly-Grazed Horses review.</p> <p>Further to the discussions and agreement at this meeting in relation to the Safety of Staff in the Night-Time Economy topic, a debate ensued around which in-depth review the Committee should now undertake. Given there were imminent developments anticipated in relation to disposable vapes, it was suggested and agreed that the Play Area Distribution, Maintenance and Physical Accessibility review should be completed first. A draft scope and plan would therefore be presented for approval at the October 2023 meeting.</p> <p>Attention was drawn to the addition of an 'Other Information Sources / Updates' section – this reflected some key crime and disorder / community safety issues (with links included providing further detail) which the Committee may be interested in scrutinising further (outside of any ongoing in-depth review work). Members were encouraged to contact either the Chair / Vice-Chair or Scrutiny Officer if they had queries on any of the stated topics.</p> <p>AGREED that the Crime and Disorder Select Committee Work Programme 2023-2024 be noted.</p> |

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Agenda Item

Crime and Disorder Select Committee

19 October 2023

PROGRESS UPDATE ON PREVIOUSLY AGREED RECOMMENDATIONS – FLY-GRAZED HORSES

Summary

Members are asked to consider the evidence and assessments of progress contained within the attached Progress Update on the implementation of previously agreed recommendations in relation to the review of Fly-Grazed Horses (for the final report, see <http://www.egenda.stockton.gov.uk/aksstockton/images/att39790.pdf>).

Detail

1. Following the Cabinet consideration of scrutiny reports, accepted recommendations are then subject to a monitoring process to track their implementation.
2. Two main types of report are used. Initially this is by means of Action Plans detailing how services will be taking forward agreed recommendations. This is then followed by a Progress Update report approximately 12 months after the relevant Select Committee has agreed the Action Plan (unless requested earlier). Evidence is submitted by the relevant department together with an assessment of progress against all recommendations. Should members of the Select Committee agree, those recommendations which have reached an assessment of '1' are then signed off as having been completed.
3. If any recommendations remain incomplete, or if the Select Committee does not agree with the view on progress, the Select Committee may ask for a further update.
4. The assessment of progress for each recommendation should be categorised as follows:

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| 1 | Achieved (Fully) | The evidence provided shows that the recommendation has been fully implemented within the timescale specified. |
| 2 | On Track (but not yet due for completion) | The evidence provided shows that implementation of the recommendation is on track but the timescale specified has not expired. |

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| 3 | Slipped | The evidence shows that progress on implementation has slipped. An anticipated date by which the recommendation is expected to become achieved should be advised and the reasons for the delay. |
| 4 | Not Achieved | The evidence provided shows that the recommendation has not been fully achieved. An explanation for non achievement of the recommendation would be provided. |

5. To further strengthen the monitoring process, from August 2020, the Progress Update report will also include references on the evidence of impact for each recommendation.
6. For progress update reports following the completion of a review, the relevant Link Officer(s) will be in attendance.
7. **Appendix 1** (Review of Fly-Grazed Horses) sets out the outstanding recommendations for this Committee. Members are asked to review the update and indicate whether they agree with the assessments of progress.

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PROGRESS UPDATE: Review of Fly-Grazed Horses

| SCRUTINY MONITORING – PROGRESS UPDATE | |
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| Review: | Fly-Grazed Horses |
| Link Officer/s: | Stephen Donaghy |
| Action Plan Agreed: | February 2021 |

Updates on the progress of actions in relation to agreed recommendations from previous scrutiny reviews are required approximately 12 months after the relevant Select Committee has agreed the Action Plan. Progress updates must be detailed, evidencing what has taken place regarding each recommendation – a grade assessing progress should then be given (see end of document for grading explanation). Any evidence on the impact of the actions undertaken should also be recorded for each recommendation.

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| Recommendation 1: | Cleveland Police, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (SBC) and other relevant partners, in conjunction with any other interested Tees Valley Local Authorities, develop a joint formal policy document to address the fly-grazing of horses on both Council and non-Council land, clearly outlining the roles and responsibilities of the relevant organisations. | | | | |
| Responsibility: | SBC | SBC / Police / other Cleveland LAs | SBC | Police | Police |
| Date: | End-February 2021 | End-February 2021 | April 2021 | Ongoing | Ongoing |
| Agreed Action: | Identify key partners from all four local authorities and the Police | Provide key contact details for both week and weekend shifts | Assist the Police in completing the Cleveland wide policy by providing a detailed work process relevant to SBC | Consider local/national horse contractor provision or SLA potential by the Police | Discuss the potential for the Police to identify a suitable designated officer(s) to implement similar arrangements to current DLO format |
| Agreed Success Measure: | Key partners identified | Key contact details shared and updated regularly | Agree formal policy between Cleveland Police and SBC (other LA's to do similar which | Police undertaking and agreeing to an SLA | Police to identify internal officers with specific responsibility for horse |

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| | | | will allow for a formal Cleveland wide Policy | | policy / workplan |
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| Evidence of Progress (January 2022): | Partners were identified and SBC and the Police hosted a number of meetings with officers from neighbouring authorities to attempt and gain joint working across the Cleveland area. | Key contacts were identified at each of the relevant local authorities however after several meetings hosted by SBC with the support of the Police the other key contacts decided not to continue with this work. | SBC remains committed to assisting the Police but the policy now rests with the Police as no further information has been provided by the other three Cleveland local authorities. | The Police are currently considering an SLA with an equine bailiff however the previously considered SLA/ contributions from the 4 LA's has been mooted by virtue of only SBC remaining engaged with the Policy development and agreement of working practises. | The Police have identified a PCSO for the Stockton area who will be able to work with SBC Animal Welfare once a formal policy is agreed with the Police. |
| Assessment of Progress (January 2022): (include explanation if required) | 1 (Fully Achieved) SBC and the Police remain committed to this work however the three other neighbouring authorities have decided not to remain engaged with this work. | 1 (Fully Achieved) The three other neighbouring authorities have failed to support this work. SBC remains committed to working with the Police and current arrangements with Sgt Cookland, SBC Animal Welfare. | 2 (On-Track) The Policy remains with the Police who due to severe staff shortages due to Covid and also the temporary long-term loss of a key Legal/ Procurement officer (family bereavement) have not as yet completed on the policy document. That said the | 2 (On-Track) Both the overarching Policy and consideration of an SLA with an equine bailiff remains with Cleveland Police Legal Team. | 2 (On-Track) Officer identified but not currently active as yet. |

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| | | | document is currently being reviewed and an outcome should be forthcoming. | | |
| Evidence of Impact (January 2022): | SBC and the Police have decided to continue with this vital work irrespective of neighbouring authorities not wishing to remain involved. | | | | |
| Evidence of Progress (May 2022): | | | Cleveland Police have added the necessity for the policy/protocol to be in place on the Police Executive Risk Register. The policy and protocol for Cleveland Police is now in draft format and is being examined by Police Legal and Procurement Teams. A meeting has also been agreed with Police Procurement (09/06/22) to seek a dedicated budget for this work. | The policy and protocol are now in draft format and Police procurement have approached World Horse Welfare to determine the viability of a green yard arrangement. | PCO confirmed as responsible for this area of work. |
| Assessment of Progress (May 2022): (include explanation if required) | | | 2 (On-Track) | 2 (On-Track) | 1 (Fully Achieved) |
| Evidence of Impact (May 2022): | The necessity for a Cleveland Police Policy and Protocol have been added to the Police Executive Risk Register. After examination of various other Police policies (York as an example) a draft Cleveland Policy and Protocol have been produced. Stockton remains committed to this process and in addition to this an officer from Cleveland Police has been agreed as the key link officer. | | | | |

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| Evidence of Progress (December 2022): | | | Cleveland Police have added the necessity for the policy / protocol to be in place on the Police Executive Risk Register and since the last update this has further been raised and discussed with chief financial officer who is supportive of the work thus far. In addition to this and after lengthy scoping work Cleveland police have confirmed they intend to produce the protocol based on Kent Police’s response. This is in essence a recovery and green yard service. It is expected that it will look similar to the way vehicle recoveries work within the force currently. | The policy and protocol is now confirmed as to reflect that of the Kent protocol and Police procurement have approached World Horse Welfare to determine the viability of a green yard arrangement. As the Kent protocol has been confirmed this will allow for a green yard arrangement to be put in place. | |
| Assessment of Progress (December 2022): (include explanation if required) | | | 3 (Slipped) | 2 (On-Track) | |

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| Evidence of Impact (December 2022): | After lengthy scoping work Cleveland Police intend to produce a protocol based on Kent Police’s response. This is in essence a recovery and green yard service. It is expected that it will work in a similar to the way vehicle recoveries work within the force currently. The issue of horses on the public carriage remains on the Police risk register and now has also been discussed with agreement in principal with the Police Chief Financial Officer. | | | |
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| Evidence of Progress (October 2023): | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A business case proposing the establishment and use of a green yard, and the associated logistics, was drafted and submitted to the Cleveland Police procurement department. • Procurement were then required to undertake additional research around costings and operational factors. • Further research with Kent Police was conducted by procurement as a force with lived experience of a possible plan. • A final amended draft was submitted to the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for consideration. • The CFO requested further research to be undertaken given the complexities of the problem. • Procurement are currently engaged with the National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) working group, who are developing a national approach. • This is a protracted matter that effects all police forces in the country and therefore requires a national approach. • Police are awaiting an indication of timescales in respect of the NPCC working group; we cannot move forward until this steer has been given. |

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| Assessment of Progress (October 2023): (include explanation if required) | | | 3 (Slipped) | |
| Evidence of Impact (October 2023): | <p>The police have continued to meet with SBC officers and currently there has been a Chief Inspector of local policing appointed who is now a permanent addition to the district which is important to provide consistency for the problem-solving process.</p> <p>The police have noted this is a protracted matter that effects all police forces in the country and therefore requires a national approach. Police note that procurement are currently engaged with the National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) working group (who are developing a national approach) and are awaiting an indication of timescales in respect of the NPCC working group.</p> | | | |

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| Recommendation 2: | The agreed joint formal policy is made publicly available, with specific awareness-raising work undertaken with local horse-owners. | | |
| Responsibility: | SBC | SBC | |
| Date: | Work commenced with Cleveland Police on 1st Feb 2021 – will continue for next 12 months | Work commenced with Cleveland Police on 1st Feb 2021 – will continue for next 12 months | |
| Agreed Action: | Agreed joint policy will be shared locally via SBC website and media | Direct officer contact with horse owners who will discuss the new policy while interacting with known owners | |
| Agreed Success Measure: | Policy made publicly available | Policy made available and discussed with horse owners | |
| Evidence of Progress (January 2022): | Policy remains under review with Cleveland Police Legal. | TBC on formal adoption of Cleveland Police Policy. | |
| Assessment of Progress (January 2022): (include explanation if required) | 2 (On-Track) | 2 (On-Track) | |
| Evidence of Impact (January 2022): | n/a | n/a | |
| Evidence of Progress (May 2022): | Draft Policy and Protocol have now been produced after discussion with Police Legal and Procurement Teams. The necessity for this work has been escalated within Cleveland Police and added to the Police Executive Risk Register. | Cleveland Police and Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council have agreed to engage with horse owners when the policy is formally adopted. Dedicated web pages have also been created which will also host a copy of the agreed policy with permission of Cleveland Police. | |
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| (May 2022): (include explanation if required) | | |
| Evidence of Impact (May 2022): | Draft documents produced and being examined by Police Legal and Procurement Teams. | Dedicated web pages produced providing essential responsible horse ownership information and available for hosting of Policy document. https://www.stockton.gov.uk/article/8008/Equine-and-tethering-advice |
| Evidence of Progress (December 2022): | Subsequent to the draft policies and protocol having been produced and after discussion with Police Legal and Procurement Teams the decision to use the Kent model and protocol has been agreed with the main impact being the need for and use of a green yard. The necessity for this work has been escalated within Cleveland Police and added to the Police Executive Risk Register as well as now having the support of the chief financial officer. | The dedicated web pages and public information have been maintained and also re-evaluated to ensure they meet with access requirements and now note public information for equine identification law, advice for tethering, grazing on Council Land and advice for private landowners. https://www.stockton.gov.uk/article/8008/Equine-and-tethering-advice |
| Assessment of Progress (December 2022): (include explanation if required) | 2 (On-Track) | 2 (On-Track) |
| Evidence of Impact (December 2022): | The necessity for this work has been escalated within Cleveland Police and added to the Police Executive Risk Register as well as now having the support of the chief financial officer. | The only outstanding element of this task is the inclusion of the protocol once complete. |
| Evidence of Progress (October 2023): | The necessity for this work has been escalated within Cleveland Police and added to the Police Executive Risk Register as well as now having the support of the chief financial officer. In addition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A business case proposing the establishment and use of a green yard and the associated logistics, was drafted and submitted to the Cleveland Police procurement department. • Police Procurement are currently engaged with the National Police | No change from previous update. |

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| | <p>Chiefs Council (NPCC) working group, who are developing a national approach.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Police now have a dedicated contact with procurement who has been briefed as to the importance of a timely way forward for this matter. | |
| <p>Assessment of Progress (October 2023): (include explanation if required)</p> | 3 (Slipped) | 3 (Slipped) |
| <p>Evidence of Impact (October 2023):</p> | <p>The Police have noted this is a protracted matter that effects all police forces in the country and therefore requires a national approach. Police note that procurement are currently engaged with the National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) working group, who are developing a National approach.and are awaiting an indication of timescales in respect of the NPCC working group.</p> | <p>The only outstanding element of this task remains the inclusion of the protocol once complete.</p> |

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| Recommendation 6: | Relevant SBC departments identify specific areas of Council land requiring a zero-tolerance approach based on location alone, along with an assessment of the resources required to support the enforcement of the new formal policy on these pieces of land and any other land where a horse's presence poses an identified risk. | | |
| Responsibility: | SBC (IG, P&D Services / Env Health, CFYA) | SBC (Environmental Health) | SBC (Environmental Health) |
| Date: | December 2021 | December 2021 | December 2021 |
| Agreed Action: | Relevant SBC departments / members identify those areas of council land (for various reasons i.e. nuisance / damage / aesthetics / sensitivity / future development) where fly-grazing won't be tolerated under any circumstances | Identified land to build into the overall policy and publicised accordingly | Tender process for the provision of horse bailiff to undertake seizure of horses and all associated costs with this process |
| Agreed Success Measure: | Clear policy for all concerned as to where horses will not be tolerated and the | Webpage created and all relevant info added and made publicly available | Suitable contractor in place to undertake agreed role at agreed rates |

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| | outcomes / actions that will be implemented | | |
| Evidence of Progress (January 2022): | Current situation remains unchanged. Each situation is still currently assessed on a case-by-case basis considering both safety as well as potential damage to SBC land or property. | Webpages are being reviewed. | Current informal arrangements remain in place. |
| Assessment of Progress (January 2022): (include explanation if required) | 3 (Slipped) | 3 (Slipped) TBC (March 2022) | 3 (Slipped) |
| Evidence of Impact (January 2022): | n/a | n/a | n/a |
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| Evidence of Progress (May 2022): | <p>When we receive a report of an equine animal being illegally grazed on Council land, the location of each equine is assessed on an individual basis and risk rated in relation to public safety (i.e. access to the highway/public footpaths/children's play areas) as well as damage to Council assets.</p> <p>Additionally, the welfare of the animal is checked, particularly in relation to tethering equipment, body condition, hoof condition, access to grazing and clean water. Any concerns that we may have been raised with owners if they are known to us, otherwise ownership will be investigated.</p> | Webpage have been created and all relevant info added and made publicly available. | Police procurement have reviewed the need for a dedicated budget, and this is to be discussed/agreed at an arranged meeting on 09/06/22. In addition, Cleveland Police have added this to their Executive Risk Register. |
| Assessment of Progress (May 2022): (include explanation if required) | 2 (On-Track) | 1 (Fully Achieved) | 2 (On-Track) |

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| Evidence of Impact (May 2022): | | | Essential work noted with Police risk register, meeting with Police Legal/Procurement to be undertaken with SBC in attendance 09/06/22. |
| Evidence of Progress (December 2022): | <p>In the absence of an agreed formal joint policy there has been no change to current operational actions taken by SBC Animal Welfare and as such when we receive a report of an equine animal being illegally grazed on Council land, the location of each equine is assessed on an individual basis and risk rated in relation to public safety (i.e. access to the highway/public footpaths/children's play areas) as well as damage to Council assets.</p> <p>Additionally, the welfare of the animal is checked, particularly in relation to tethering equipment, body condition, hoof condition, access to grazing and clean water. Any concerns that we may have been raised with owners if they are known to us, otherwise ownership will be investigated.</p> | | Subsequent to the draft policies and protocol having been produced and after discussion with Police Legal and Procurement Teams the decision to use the Kent model and protocol has been agreed with the main impact being the need for and use of a green yard . The necessity for this work has been escalated within Cleveland Police and added to the Police Executive Risk Register as well as now having the support of the chief financial officer . |
| Assessment of Progress (December 2022): (include explanation if required) | 2 (On-Track) | | 2 (On-Track) |
| Evidence of Impact (December 2022): | Until a fully agreed joint policy is set SBC Animal Welfare continue to operate and act on all reports of horses | | The use of a green yard is the single most positive step to date in this process as this negates the need for |

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| | <p>loose/on Council/Private land or instances where the horses are causing a risk to the public or where there are welfare concerns.</p> | | <p>any horse to remain on land as it will now have a dedicated area for the animal to be safely retained once in place.</p> <p>The Police have noted that the business case for such is currently in the process of being completed and has now been sent through for finalisation by Cleveland Police Procurement. Once this has been submitted then the financial aspect will be finalised.</p> |
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| <p>Evidence of Progress (October 2023):</p> | <p>SBC Environmental Health continue to address all complaints of this nature as set out previously on a case-by-case basis.</p> | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The matter has been entered onto the Police Corporate Risk register to ensure appropriate monitoring and wider awareness. • A business case proposing the establishment and use of a green yard and the associated logistics, was drafted and submitted to the Cleveland Police procurement department. • A final amended draft was submitted to the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for consideration. • The CFO requested further research to be undertaken given the complexities of the problem. • Police Procurement are currently engaged with the National Police |

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| | | | Chiefs Council (NPCC) working group, who are developing a national approach. |
| Assessment of Progress (October 2023): (include explanation if required) | 2 (On-Track) | | 3 (Slipped) |
| Evidence of Impact (October 2023): | As per previous update. | | Cleveland Police are waiting for the NPCC working group to report back and establish a national approach. Police Procurement will be arranging a multi-agency meeting in the meantime to ensure focus is maintained. |

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| Recommendation 7: | Consideration be given to arranging a future microchipping clinic in the Borough (in conjunction with the British Horse Society). | |
| Responsibility: | SBC and relevant stakeholders / charity groups | |
| Date: | March 2022 | March 2022 |
| Agreed Action: | Working in conjunction with horse charities / stakeholders to provide microchipping / passporting / gelding clinics to be provided as soon as current pandemic safety measures / national lockdowns end & charities have available funding / resource | |
| Agreed Success Measure: | Future clinics / events agreed and undertaken with partners | Improved health / welfare of horses and liaison with horse owners |
| Evidence of Progress (January 2022): | No microchipping sessions have been agreed. | |
| Assessment of Progress (January 2022): (include explanation if required) | 2 (On-Track) Due to the various lockdowns throughout 2021/22 and lack of funding for charities with no sessions have been progressed. This will be reassessed and further discussions with horse charities made in 2022. | |
| Evidence of Impact (January 2022): | n/a | |
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| Evidence of Progress (May 2022): | With the pandemic safety measures / national lockdowns having ended & charities potentially have available funding / resource to provide microchipping SBC officers have contacted both the British Horse Society and World Horse | |

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| | Welfare and are currently in discussions to allow for a local chipping session to take place. |
| Assessment of Progress (May 2022): (include explanation if required) | 2 (On-Track) |
| Evidence of Impact (May 2022): | SBC Officers have contacted BHS and a list of events is to be provided to SBC as they are not again being planned. This information will come direct from the BHS Welfare Team. Dates and Locations TBC. |
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| Evidence of Progress (December 2022): | The BHS Welfare Team or indeed any charity in the North East has not offered a free microchipping service this year and charities continue to struggle financially never more so than now with donations being cut as the cost of living crises impacts on the entire country. SBC Officers have spoken with National Offices however feel it may be more beneficial to create a joint working approach with a local contact. This however may require a financial contribution from the Local Authority or Police. |
| Assessment of Progress (December 2022): (include explanation if required) | 2 (On-Track) |
| Evidence of Impact (December 2022): | Local contact with World Horse Welfare has already been undertaken by the Police and they are currently advising on green yard provision. In the absence of free microchipping sessions nationally it may be valid to consider a small local session subject to cost. |
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| Evidence of Progress (October 2023): | SBC officers previously contacted BHS and a list of events is to be provided to SBC as they are not again being planned. This information will come direct from the BHS Welfare Team. Dates and locations. |
| Assessment of Progress (October 2023): (include explanation if required) | Local charities remain in considerable financial pressure both post-pandemic and cost-of-living crises, with donations dramatically reduced. The availability of free microchipping sessions for the public or other offers to the public are not currently being undertaken. Cleveland Police are waiting for the NPCC working group to report back and establish a national approach. Police Procurement will be arranging a multi-agency meeting in the meantime to ensure focus is maintained. |
| Evidence of Impact (October 2023): | |

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| Assessment of Progress Gradings: | 1 Fully Achieved | 2 On-Track | 3 Slipped | 4 Not Achieved |
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| Crime and Disorder Select Committee |
| Review of Outdoor Play Provision: Quality and Distribution, Maintenance, and Physical Accessibility |
| Outline Scope |

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| Scrutiny Chair (Project Director): Cllr Pauline Beall | Contact details: pauline.beall@stockton.gov.uk |
| Scrutiny Officer (Project Manager): Gary Woods | Contact details: gary.woods@stockton.gov.uk 01642 526187 |
| Departmental Link Officer: Neil Mitchell (SBC Head of Environment, Leisure & Green Infrastructure) | Contact details: neil.mitchell@stockton.gov.uk |
| Which of our strategic corporate objectives does this topic address? | |
| <p>The review will contribute to the following Council Plan 2023-2026 key objectives (and associated 2023-2024 priorities):</p> <p><i>A place where people are healthy, safe and protected from harm</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to develop and enhance provision and support for children and young people with additional needs or accessing alternative provision. • Support people to live healthy lives and address health inequalities through a focus on early prevention, long-term conditions, substance misuse, smoking, obesity, physical activity and mental health. • Work with our communities and partners to develop our approach to healthy places, in the context of regeneration plans and the Health and Wellbeing Strategy. | |
| What are the main issues and overall aim of this review? | |
| <p>It is widely accepted that play is an essential part of every child’s life and is vital for the enjoyment of childhood as well as social, emotional, intellectual and physical development. Play facilities are therefore seen as an essential element to allow people to live healthy lives and help ensure activity is established at an early age, thus reducing long-term health conditions.</p> <p>Previous analysis has indicated that outdoor play provision is uneven across the Borough, with significant variations in the play value, age and accessibility of equipment and sites. Many older play areas are in decline and, as is being felt by Local Authorities up and down the country, there is insufficient budget to maintain all the current sites.</p> <p>In terms of new sites, the majority of these are established through planning obligations and consequently increase provision in areas where new development is taking place. Conversely, there are limited opportunities to establish or improve play areas in existing residential areas. In either case, it should be noted that all sites are subject to challenge relating to accessibility and play value.</p> | |

Play areas can be an emotive topic and have elicited a range of comments (both positive and negative) from the public with regards the existing offer. Like so many other Council-related activities, balancing public expectation with the realities of deepening Local Authority funding pressures is becoming an increasing challenge. There is a well-established need to maintain an effective portfolio of high-quality play area assets within the Borough's communities, but this must be sustainable, provide value-for-money, and be accessible to as many people as is feasibly possible.

The main aims for this review will be to:

- Examine the Borough's existing outdoor play offer in terms of play value and distribution, and identify locations where there is currently an imbalance in provision.
- Ascertain who is responsible for individual facilities and what the management / maintenance and sustainability requirements are now, and are likely to be in the future (including revenue costs).
- Consider accessibility / inclusivity factors in relation to play provision so practical and financial implications are understood and factored into decisions around existing and future plans.
- Contribute to future policy around play area provision, giving an appraisal of potential options.

The Committee will undertake the following key lines of enquiry:

What is meant by the term 'outdoor play provision' – what does this encompass (what does it not)?

How is 'meaningful play' determined – what are its characteristics and how does / should this impact upon play provision?

Are there any legislative requirements around outdoor play provision?

What is the Borough's existing outdoor play offer – where are these sites located, what do they provide, what is their play value, and where are the identified gaps in provision?

How should the provision of major new play facilities planned for Stockton Waterfront influence decisions around the distribution and management of play provision elsewhere in the Borough, and will it have any impact on budgets to maintain existing facilities?

How are existing sites managed / maintained and what is the cost of this to the Council? How has this changed over time and what are the future projections based on the current offer?

What is the process around new play provision created as part of new developments? What are the responsibilities of developers and the Council, how does this change over time, and what are the implications of this?

What are the accessibility / inclusivity requirements around outdoor play sites? Has the Council been challenged regarding this and what is realistically achievable in the context of available space and financial constraints?

What feedback has been received from the public regarding outdoor play provision?

Can we learn anything from other Local Authorities who are likely to be wrestling with similar challenges regarding outdoor play provision?

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| <p>What are the potential future options around outdoor play provision (including alternative funding possibilities)? How does / might this feed into key corporate policies such as Fairer Stockton-on-Tees / Powering Our Communities?</p> | |
| <p>Who will the Committee be trying to influence as part of its work?</p> <p>Council, Cabinet, developers, public.</p> | |
| <p>Expected duration of review and key milestones:</p> <p>5 months (report to Cabinet in April 2024)</p> | |
| <p>What information do we need?</p> <p>Existing information (background information, existing reports, legislation, central government documents, etc.):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SBC review of outdoor play and informal sport provision (2019) • RoSPA Play Value Assessments (available for specific play area sites in the Borough) • Resources available from the charity Play England: www.playengland.org.uk | |
| <p><i>Who can provide us with further relevant evidence? (Cabinet Member, officer, service user, general public, expert witness, etc.)</i></p> <p>Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment, Leisure & Green Infrastructure • Care For Your Area • Town Centres Development • Planning / Place Development <p>Association of Play Industries (API)</p> <p>RoSPA</p> <p>Play England</p> <p>Stockton Parent Carer Forum</p> <p>Bright Minds Big Futures (BMBF)</p> <p>Local Government Association (LGA) / Other Local Authorities</p> | <p><i>What specific areas do we want them to cover when they give evidence?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 'Outdoor play' terminology / definitions ➤ Existing outdoor play provision offer ➤ Process / implications of new sites ➤ Maintenance of existing assets ➤ Plans for play provision in town centres ➤ Role of these SBC teams around this topic ➤ Equal play campaign ➤ Best practice / Local Authority engagement ➤ Safety and management of play areas ➤ Previous analysis of the Borough's offer ➤ Design / Quality in Play approaches ➤ Resident views on the existing play area offer ➤ Young people views on existing provision ➤ Experience of this issue |

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| <p>How will this information be gathered? (eg. financial baselining and analysis, benchmarking, site visits, face-to-face questioning, telephone survey, survey)</p> <p>Committee meetings, reports, research, site visits (TBC).</p> |
| <p>How will key partners and the public be involved in the review?</p> <p>Committee meetings, information submissions.</p> |
| <p>How will the review help the Council meet the Public Sector Equality Duty?</p> <p>The Public Sector Equality Duty requires that public bodies have due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between different people when carrying out their activities. This review will be mindful of these factors.</p> |
| <p>How will the review contribute towards the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, or the implementation of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy?</p> <p><u>Stockton Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA): Physical inactivity:</u> recommended levels of physical activity significantly worse than the national average; specific sectors of the community less physically active than the general population; not all residents derive the same level of physical activity opportunities from the Borough's outdoor public spaces due to variations in quality, quantity, accessibility and connectivity (Dec 2018).</p> <p><u>Stockton-on-Tees Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2019-2023: All people in Stockton-on-Tees live well and live longer.</u> We know that socio-economic and environmental factors influence health-related behaviours. Therefore working with partners to shape the infrastructure across the Borough which can impact on whether or not a healthy lifestyle is an easy and accessible choice is key.</p> <p><u>All people in Stockton-on-Tees live in healthy places and sustainable communities:</u> We know that a range of factors including; good housing, warm homes, access to green space and healthy food, opportunities for physical activity, good transport links, air quality, antisocial behaviour and crime are all linked to physical, mental health and wellbeing outcomes. Planning policies and subsequent decisions can have a significant impact on health and wellbeing through the design of neighbourhoods, buildings and public space in the way they encourage people to be socially integrated, physically active or limit the growth of take-away and alcohol outlets.</p> |
| <p>Provide an initial view as to how this review could lead to efficiencies, improvements and/or transformation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clear strategic guidance upon the development of new play facilities and priorities and rationalisation of existing play provision.• Budgetary provision for maintenance of play provision is proportionate to the number of play areas that are retained. |

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| Key Task | Details/Activities | Date | Responsibility |
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| Scoping of Review | Information gathering | September 2023 | Scrutiny Officer Link Officer |
| Tri-Partite Meeting | Meeting to discuss aims and objectives of review | 09.10.23 | Select Committee Chair and Vice Chair, Cabinet Member(s), Director(s), Scrutiny Officer, Link Officer |
| Agree Project Plan | Scope and Project Plan agreed by Committee | 19.10.23 | Select Committee |
| Publicity of Review | Determine whether Communications Plan needed | TBC | Link Officer, Scrutiny Officer |
| Obtaining Evidence | | 09.11.23 21.12.23 25.01.24 | Select Committee |
| Members decide recommendations and findings | Review summary of findings and formulate draft recommendations | 22.02.24 | Select Committee |
| Circulate Draft Report to Stakeholders | Circulation of Report | February 2024 | Scrutiny Officer |
| Tri-Partite Meeting | Meeting to discuss findings of review and draft recommendations | TBC | Select Committee Chair and Vice Chair, Cabinet Member(s), Director(s), Scrutiny Officer, Link Officer |
| Final Agreement of Report | Approval of final report by Committee | 21.03.24 | Select Committee, Cabinet Member, Director |
| Consideration of Report by Executive Scrutiny Committee | Consideration of report | [07.05.24] | Executive Scrutiny Committee |
| Report to Cabinet / Approving Body | Presentation of final report with recommendations for approval to Cabinet | 18.04.24 | Cabinet / Approving Body |

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| Date (4.30pm unless stated) | Topic | Attendance |
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| 29 June (1.00pm) (informal) | Scrutiny Training | Scrutiny Team |
| 27 July | Overview Report: Adults, Health and Wellbeing | Marc Stephenson |
| 21 September | Safety of Staff in the Night-Time Economy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report Monitoring: Progress Update – Bonfires on Public Land | Marc Stephenson Sharon Cooney |
| 19 October | Monitoring: Progress Update – Fly-Grazed Horses Review of Outdoor Play Provision: Quality and Distribution, Maintenance, and Physical Accessibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Draft) Scope and Project Plan | Stephen Donaghy / Dan Heron / Stuart Hodgson Neil Mitchell |
| 9 November | Review of Outdoor Play Provision: Quality and Distribution, Maintenance, and Physical Accessibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBC | TBC |
| 21 December | Monitoring: Progress Update – Bonfires on Public Land Review of Outdoor Play Provision: Quality and Distribution, Maintenance, and Physical Accessibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBC | Sharon Cooney TBC |
| 25 January | Review of Outdoor Play Provision: Quality and Distribution, Maintenance, and Physical Accessibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBC | TBC |
| 22 February | Review of Outdoor Play Provision: Quality and Distribution, Maintenance, and Physical Accessibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBC | TBC |
| 21 March | Review of Outdoor Play Provision: Quality and Distribution, Maintenance, and Physical Accessibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBC | TBC |

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2023-2024 Scrutiny Reviews

- Outdoor Play Provision: Quality and Distribution, Maintenance, and Physical Accessibility
- Access to and Impact of Vaping

Monitoring Items (scheduled / to be scheduled)

- Fly-Grazed Horses (Progress Update) – Oct 23
 - Bonfires on Public Land (Progress Update) – Dec 23
 - Tree Asset Management (Progress Update) – TBC
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Other Information Sources / Updates

- **Safer Stockton Partnership (SSP):** The SSP is the local community safety partnership and works together to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) – meeting dates, agendas and minutes can be accessed via <https://www.egenda.stockton.gov.uk/aksstockton/users/public/admin/kab71.pl?cmte=SSP>. Every three years, the SSP undertake a Crime and Disorder Audit and, following public consultation, produce a Community Safety Plan which sets out how agencies within the Partnership intend to achieve targets in crime reduction. The latest version is the [Stockton-on-Tees Community Safety Strategy 2022-2025](#).
- **Serious Violence Duty:** The Duty (Aug 22) <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/police-crime-sentencing-and-courts-bill-2021-factsheets/police-crime-sentencing-and-courts-bill-2021-serious-violence-duty-factsheet> and associated guidance (Dec 22): https://www.gov.uk/government/news/efforts-to-tackle-serious-violence-and-homicide-stepped-up?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=66d44b4c-9d22-4f1d-aed7-517818847183&utm_content=immediately
- **Martyn's Law:** ([The Terrorism \(Protection of Premises\) Draft Bill](#) has recently (May 23) been published, which will introduce new requirements for those responsible for certain public premises or events to take protective security measures to mitigate against terrorist attacks. Also known as Martyn's Law, this will likely have a number of implications for Councils. Further details can also be found on [the Home Office's Martyn's Law factsheet](#). The LGA has recently (Apr 23) published [a case study highlighting how Manchester Council](#) has embedded the principles of Martyn's Law into their licensing process.
- **Modern Slavery:** The anti-slavery charity Unseen has recently (May 23) [published its Modern Slavery & Exploitation Helpline data for 2022](#). Figures show the number of potential victims of modern slavery in the UK more than doubled to record levels last year, with a particularly sharp increase in alleged exploitation in the care sector.
- **Youth Offending:** *Turnaround* is a voluntary youth early intervention programme led by the Ministry of Justice. The programme provides multi-year grant funding to Youth Offending Teams (YOTs) across England and Wales until March 2025, enabling them to intervene earlier and improve outcomes for children on the cusp of entering the youth justice system. The eligibility criteria for *Turnaround* includes; children involved in anti-social behaviour (ASB) – ranging from coming to notice for repeated involvement in ASB up to and including receiving a Civil Order for ASB. The Ministry of Justice is encouraging all community safety teams to engage with their local YOT Manager or Management Board to discuss a referral pathway for eligible children so they can be offered support via *Turnaround*.

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- **Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB):** The [ASB Action Plan](#) (updated in May 23) includes a proposal to develop relevant metrics for local partners to report on. However, the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman issued a recent (Aug 23) press release expressing concern that [Councils were not doing enough to help victims of ASB](#). The Ombudsman has also produced a [learning lessons from complaints about antisocial behaviour](#) document which includes scrutiny questions for Councillors.
- **CONTEST:** In July 2023, the Government published its [updated counter-terrorism strategy, CONTEST](#), which judges that risks from terrorism are rising. In related matters, SBC rolled-out mandatory staff training around the Prevent and Protect duty at the end of April 2023.
- **Fire & Rescue:** [State of Fire & Rescue 2022](#) - His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Fire and Rescue Services Annual Assessment of Fire and Rescue Services in England. Arson and deliberate fire setting remain a significant issue for Cleveland Fire Brigade with Cleveland being the arson capital of the UK – in October 2022, Cleveland Fire Brigade [appealed for everyone to become a FireStopper in a new bid to reduce arson and violent attacks on Firefighters](#).
- **Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Cleveland:** Further information on the office of the PCC can be found on via <https://www.cleveland.pcc.police.uk/commissioner/office/> - this includes engagement with the **Cleveland Police and Crime Panel (PCP)**. Access to PCP agendas and papers can be found via <https://www.cleveland.pcc.police.uk/commissioner/office/the-work-of-cleveland-police-and-crime-panel/>.

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