

Date: Thursday 28 March 2024 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 (Pages 7 - 8)**
- 2 Apologies for Absence**
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- 7 Any Other Business**
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- 9 Prevent Update**
- 10 Serious and Organised Crime Update**

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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
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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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 February 2023 – February 2024.
2. The bulk of the statistics utilised for this report have been obtained from Cleveland Police crime statistic databases, the figures are correct at the time of data extraction as provided by Cleveland Police on 19/03/2024. 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)¹ for publicly reported crime in Stockton-on-Tees was 116.9 for February 2023 – February 2024.

Between February 2023 – February 2024, there were 19,407 publicly reported offences, which is a decrease of -691 crimes (or -3.4%) 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 decreased by -540 crimes in comparison with the previous period, giving total police generated crime figure of 3628 offences, down -13.0% on the same period the previous year. Overall, there was a total of 23035 crimes, equal to 1231 (5.1%) less crimes compared with the same period last year.

Comparing the number of crimes recorded in the period February 2023 vs February 2024, there was an increase in the following crime types recorded in the Borough:

- Burglary – Residential
- Death or injury due to driving
- Homicide
- Misc. crimes against society
- Other Theft
- Possession/Use of drugs
- Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)

Comparing the number of crimes recorded in the period February 2023 vs February 2024, there were fewer of the following crime types recorded in the Borough:

- Bicycle Theft
- Other Sexual offences
- Burglary - Business & Com.
- Police Generated Crime
- Public Order Offences
- Trafficking of drugs
- Possession of Weapons
- Publicly Reported Crime
- Stalking and Harassment
- Rape
- Theft from the person
- Shoplifting
- Criminal damage and Arson
- Total Crime
- Violence with injury
- Violence without injury

Compared with February 2022 – February 2023, the largest reduction in Police recorded offences in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to 'Theft from the person' at (-41.6%).

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

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

As at data provided on 19/03/2024, reports of ASB to Cleveland Police show that across the Borough in the last 12 months, there was 4,850 ASB incidents, compared to 4,384 in the previous 12 months, an increase of 10.6%.

Between 19/03/2023 & 19/03/2024, 4,680 Service Requests were recorded by Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council Civic Enforcement team as ASB. This is equal to a decrease of 154 incidents (-3.2%) on the previous year.

Crime: February 2022- February 2023 versus February 2023 – February 2024

Table 1 below shows the number of crimes that have been recorded in Stockton-on-Tees between in the above titled period and Table 2 provides a one-month snapshot of the same for the last available month (February 2024). 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 February 2023 – February 2024:

- Between February 2023 – February 2024, there were 19,407 publicly reported offences, which is a decrease of -691 crimes (or -3.4%) on the same period in the previous year. The largest reduction (-41.6) in Police recorded offences in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to Theft from the person.
- Police generated crime, which includes crimes such as drug offences, public disorder and possession of weapons has decreased by -540 crimes in comparison with the previous period, giving total police generated crime figure of 3628 offences, down -13.0% on the same period the previous year.
- Overall, there was a total of 23,035 crimes in the current period, equal to -1231 (-5.1%) less crimes in the same period last year.
- The rate per 1,000 population (all ages)² for publicly reported crime in Stockton-on-Tees was 116.9 for February 2023 to February 2024.

Table 1. Cleveland Police Crime Statistics for Stockton-on-Tees: February 2023 vs February 2024

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

Crime Type	Feb-24	Feb-23	Difference (No. and %)	
Violence against the person	8353	9114	-761	-8.3%
<i>Homicide</i>	4	3	1	33.3%
<i>Death or injury due to driving</i>	11	5	6	120.0%
<i>Violence with injury</i>	2068	2108	-40	-1.9%
<i>Violence without injury</i>	2978	3244	-266	-8.2%
<i>Stalking and Harassment</i>	3292	3754	-462	-12.3%
Sexual offences	756	886	-130	-14.7%
<i>Rape</i>	251	337	-86	-25.5%
<i>Other Sexual offences</i>	505	549	-44	-8.0%
Robbery	257	171	86	50.3%
Theft	7303	7021	282	4.0%
<i>Burglary - Residential</i>	1210	1021	189	18.5%
<i>Burglary - Business & Com.</i>	304	334	-30	-9.0%
<i>Bicycle Theft</i>	209	253	-44	-17.4%
<i>Theft from the person</i>	87	149	-62	-41.6%
<i>Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)</i>	1453	1174	279	23.8%
<i>Shoplifting</i>	2266	2378	-112	-4.7%
<i>Other Theft</i>	1774	1712	62	3.6%
Criminal damage and Arson	2738	2906	-168	-5.8%
Publicly Reported Crime	19407	20098	-691	-3.4%
Public Order Offences	2146	2642	-496	-18.8%
Drug offences	648	691	-43	-6.2%
<i>Trafficking of drugs</i>	172	233	-61	-26.2%
<i>Possession/Use of drugs</i>	476	458	18	3.9%
Possession of Weapons	229	244	-15	-6.1%
Misc. crimes against society	605	591	14	2.4%
Police Generated Crime	3628	4168	-540	-13.0%
Total Crime	23035	24266	-1231	-5.1%

Key to note in Table 2 below:

- In February 2024, 1345 publicly reported offences were recorded in the Borough, which is a decrease of -360 (or -21.1%) on February 2023. The largest increase was in relation to Possession of Weapons.
- Police generated crime, which includes crimes such as drug offences, public disorder and possession of weapons was 272 in February 2024, down by (-9.9%) versus February 2023. The largest decrease was in relation to Homicide & Theft from the Person.
- Overall, there was a total of 1617 crimes in the current period, equal to -390 (-19.4%) less crimes in February 2023 versus February 2024.

Table 2. Cleveland Police Crime Statistics for Stockton-on-Tees: Current Period Review

Crime Type	Current Period	Previous Period	Difference	% Difference
Violence against the person	584	719	-135	-18.8%
<i>Homicide</i>	1	0	1	-100.0%
<i>Death or injury due to driving</i>	1	0	1	-
<i>Violence with injury</i>	166	160	6	3.8%
<i>Violence without injury</i>	199	237	-38	-16.0%
<i>Stalking and Harassment</i>	217	322	-105	-32.6%
Sexual offences	49	72	-23	-31.9%
<i>Rape</i>	18	27	-9	-33.3%
<i>Other Sexual offences</i>	31	45	-14	-31.1%
Robbery	18	20	-2	-10.0%
Theft	493	667	-174	-26.1%
<i>Burglary - Residential</i>	70	106	-36	-34.0%
<i>Burglary - Business & Com.</i>	18	21	-3	-14.3%
<i>Bicycle Theft</i>	10	23	-13	-56.5%
<i>Theft from the person</i>	5	14	-9	-64.3%
<i>Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)</i>	90	130	-40	-30.8%
<i>Shoplifting</i>	178	243	-65	-26.7%
<i>Other Theft</i>	122	130	-8	-6.2%
Criminal damage and Arson	201	227	-26	-11.5%
Publicly Reported Crime	1345	1705	-360	-21.1%
Public Order Offences	156	186	-30	-16.1%
Drug offences	52	55	-3	-5.5%
<i>Trafficking of drugs</i>	11	14	-3	-21.4%
<i>Possession/Use of drugs</i>	41	41	0	0.0%
Possession of Weapons	18	17	1	5.9%
Misc. crimes against society	46	44	2	4.5%
Police Generated Crime	272	302	-30	-9.9%
Total Crime	1617	2007	-390	-19.4%

Performance Highlights: February 2022- February 2023 versus February 2023 – February 2024

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: February 2022- February 2023 versus February 2023 – February 2024

Offence Type	Numeric Reduction	% Percentage Reduction
<i>Bicycle Theft</i>	-44	-17.4
<i>Burglary - Business & Com.</i>	-30	-9.0
<i>Criminal damage and Arson</i>	-168	-5.8
<i>Other Sexual offences</i>	-44	-8.0
<i>Police Generated Crime</i>	-540	-13.0
<i>Possession of Weapons</i>	-15	-6.1
<i>Public Order Offences</i>	-496	-18.8
<i>Publicly Reported Crime</i>	-691	-3.4
<i>Rape</i>	-86	-25.5
<i>Shoplifting</i>	-112	-4.7
<i>Stalking and Harassment</i>	-462	-12.3
<i>Theft from the person</i>	-62	-41.6
<i>Total Crime</i>	-1231	-5.1
<i>Trafficking of drugs</i>	-61	-26.2
<i>Violence with injury</i>	-40	-1.9
<i>Violence without injury</i>	-266	-8.2

Key to note in Table 3:

- Compared with February 2022 - February 2023 versus February 2023 – February 2024 overall the largest percentage reduction (-41.6%) in recorded offences in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to 'Theft from the person'.

END OF REPORT

Agenda Item 8

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

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