

Date: Wednesday 27 November 2024 at 9.00 am

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

Cllr Pauline Beall
Cllr Norma Stephenson OBE

Cllr Steve Nelson

AGENDA

- 1 Evacuation Procedure**
- 2 Introductions/ Apologies for Absence**
- 3 Minutes**

To approve the minutes for the last meeting held on 2ND October 2024 (Pages 7 - 10)
- 4 Operation Autumnus Update (Mischief and Bonfire period)**
- 5 Serious Youth Violence Strategy**
- 6 Problem Solving Plans**
- 7 Recorded Crime and Disorder Report** (Pages 11 - 16)
- 8 Project Harmony Update**
- 9 Prevent (CT) Update**
- 10 Any Other Business**
- 11 iQuanta Report** (Pages 17 - 22)
- 12 DARD Consideration**

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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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SAFER STOCKTON PARTNERSHIP

A meeting of Safer Stockton Partnership was held on Wednesday 2 October 2024.

Present: John Wrintmore (Chair), Sharon Cooney, Libby Griffiths, Cllr Steve Nelson, Dawn Tyeman, Key Nicolson, Mandy Mackinnon, Leanne Melony-Kelly, Vanessa Housley, Mandie Rowlands, Anna Waddington, Marc Stephenson, Gary Knight, Sarah Wilson, Cllr Pauline Beall, Matt Storey, Stu Hodgson, Lucy Owens, Dan Heron, Richard Brown, Majella McCarthy .

Officers: John Devine.

Also in attendance:

Apologies: Cllr Norma Stephenson, Ann Powell, David Willingham .

SSP/2524 Evacuation Procedure

The Evacuation Procedure was noted

SSP/2624 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

SSP/2724 Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 17th July 2024 were agreed as a true record.

SSP/2824 Knife Crime Prevention

Representatives of Cleveland Police presented a report on Knife Crime Prevention to members. Officers highlighted several sections of the report to Members.

Since Sept 2023 there had been 810 crimes involving a knife or a bladed article in the Cleveland area, this amounted to a 10% decrease from the year previous. Members were also informed that more than half of all identified suspects linked to knife crime were males under the age of 24. During the same 12-month period 186 people aged 24 and under were victims of knife crime. Officers added that knife crime makes up 57% of all serious violence in Cleveland.

The report also gave a more focused look at the Stockton Borough in relation to knife crime, which showed that there had been 213 knife crime offences in the last 12 months in Stockton. This was a 23% reduction from the previous 12-month period.

Police set out their plans on how to reduce knife crime further, with early interventions schemes, One Team working collaboration initiatives and joint working with Licensing and those in the nighttime economy.

Following the report Police and other members of the partnership discussed the following:

As Stockton had seen reductions in knife crime had there been any displacement into other areas? Which Officers were happy to report was not the case.

Had any work been done to target primary school children with early prevention work? There had been work undertaken to adapt presentations for students for a younger audience, this would be linked in with partners in Children's services.

Members agreed to note the report.

SSP/2924 Deliberate Fires

Cleveland Fire Brigade Officers gave an update on Deliberate Fires and their economic impact to the partnership. An increase of 4% in the number of deliberate fires set was highlighted to members, Officers explained that in response a heightened targeting of hotspot areas had been undertaken with patrols and instigating seals community skips. The recent increase was part of a 58% increase over a five-year period, which was being investigated jointly with Police.

Offices emphasised that they are wanting to work with partners to tackle the increased activity. Members of the partnership promised to link in with the Fire Brigade following the meeting to discuss how they could work more closely going forward.

Members agreed to note the report.

SSP/3024 Post Disorder Report

Members agreed to defer this report to a following meeting due to Officers being unable to attend.

SSP/3124 Recorded Crime & Disorder Report

Officers presented the Recorded Crime and Disorder Report for July 2023 to June 2024 with Members, they noted several sections of the report for members. These were as follows:

- Public reports crime had seen a decrease of 21%
- A slight increase in the numbers of vehicle crime but work had been undertaken and a group believed to be responsible for a large part of the increase had been arrested.
- The number of drug offences had increased in the six months; Officers would continue to work with the UK Boarder Force agency as it is believed to be coming from abroad.
- A 56% decrease in the number of off-road bike reports, Officers were confident that the decrease was due to the work being carried out by Officers with cooperation with the Public.

Overall levels of crime had been reducing but the public perception of crime was higher than ever. Offices noted that it was important to push the good news stories of reductions out to the public but would not dismiss the public's perception as it was equally important.

Members agreed to note the report.

SSP/3224 Operation Harmony Update

Members were given an update on Operation Harmony which outlined that there had been a significant reduction in crime, Officers contributed this to the partnership work being done by all those involved.

The feedback from the public which shows that the perception of crime hasn't reduced with the actual level of crimes. Offices stated that more work would need to be done to reassure those members of the public, which will be an ongoing goal.

Police were trying to promote the work being done across the area and to make sure the Policing being done was more visible in an attempt to combat the communities perception.

Members of the community had made a recommendation to Police that Operation Nightfall be continued in the area. This was seen as a possible solution by members for the communities perception.

Community engagement would continue into the future with a residents meeting being planned in the week following this Safer Stockton Partnership meeting.

Members Agreed to note the report.

SSP/3324 Prevent (CT) Update

There were no further updates to bring to members attention for this item.

SSP/3424 Any Other Business

Members shared information about an update on the Bleed Cabinets which were discussed at the previous meeting.

Partners agreed to jointly petition for the Bleed Cabinets to be dealt with under the same system that the Defibrillator cabinets.

Members noted the discussion.

SSP/3524 iQuanta Report

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

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

AGREED that the report be noted.

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**Safer Stockton Partnership
Report Produced 08-11-2024**

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 October 2023 to the end of October 2024.
2. The bulk of the statistics utilised for this report have been obtained from Cleveland Police crime statistic databases with the figures correct at the time of data extraction (08/11/2024). 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 107.2 for October 2023 to the end of October 2024.

Between October 2023 - October 2024, there were 17,1765 publicly reported offences, which is a decrease of 2642 crimes (or - 12.9%) 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 597 crimes in comparison with the previous period, giving total police generated crime figure of 3353 offences, down 15.1% on the same period the previous year. Overall, there was a total of 21,118 crimes, equal to 3239 (13.3%) less crimes compared with the same period last year.

Comparing the number of crimes recorded in the period October 2023 - October 2024 versus October 2022 - October 2023, there were more of the following crime types recorded in the Borough:

Trafficking of Drugs

Comparing the number of crimes recorded in the period October 2023 - October 2024 versus October 2022 - October 2023, there were fewer of the following crime types recorded in the Borough:

Arson
Bicycle Theft
Burglary - Business & Com.
Burglary - Residential
Criminal damage
Homicide
Misc. crimes against society
Other Sexual offences
Other Theft
Possession/Use of drugs
Possession of Weapons
Public Disorder
Rape
Robbery
Shoplifting
Stalking and Harassment
Theft from the person
Vehicle Crime
Violence with injury
Violence without injury

Compared with October 2023 - October 2024 versus October 2022 - October 2023, the largest reduction (-50%) in Police recorded offences in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to Homicide.

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

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

As at 31/10/24, reports of ASB to **Cleveland Police** show that across the Borough in the last 12 months, there was 4,695 ASB incidents, which is a decrease of -7.3% on the previous 12 months.

Between October 2023 - October 2024, 4,233 Service Requests were recorded by **Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council** Civic Enforcement team as ASB (including noise and alcohol issues). This is equal to a decrease of 833 incidents (-16.4%) in the last year. In the same comparative period, the number of begging incidents was 509, equal to -148; and the number of rowdy/nuisance behaviour incidents was 803, equal to -315.

Crime: October 2023 - October 2024 versus October 2022 - October 2023

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

- There were 17,765 publicly reported offences, which is a decrease of 2,642 crimes (or a decrease of 12.9%) on the same period in the previous year. The largest reduction was in relation to Homicide and the largest increase was in relation to Trafficking of Drugs.
- Police generated crime, which includes crimes such as drug offences, public disorder and possession of weapons has decreased by a further 597 crimes, giving a total police generated crime figure of 3,353 offences, down 15.1% on the same period the previous year.
- Overall, there was a total of 21,118 crimes in the current period, equal to 3,239 (13.3%) 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 107.2 for October 2023 – October 2024. This has increased from a rate of 123.6 in the same period last year.

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

Table 1. Cleveland Police Crime Statistics for Stockton-on-Tees: October 2023 - October 2024³

Crime Type	Oct-24	Oct-23	Difference No.	% Difference
Violence against the person	7647	8879	-1232	-13.9%
<i>Homicide</i>	3	6	-3	-50.0%
<i>Death or injury due to driving</i>	11	11	0	0.0%
<i>Violence with injury</i>	1964	2153	-189	-8.8%
<i>Violence without injury</i>	2908	3103	-195	-6.3%
<i>Stalking and Harassment</i>	2761	3606	-845	-23.4%
Sexual offences	735	826	-91	-11.0%
<i>Rape</i>	265	277	-12	-4.3%
<i>Other Sexual offences</i>	470	549	-79	-14.4%
Robbery	212	249	-37	-14.9%
Theft	6626	7543	-917	-12.2%
<i>Burglary - Residential</i>	838	1315	-477	-36.3%
<i>Burglary - Business & Com.</i>	255	307	-52	-16.9%
<i>Bicycle Theft</i>	150	243	-93	-38.3%
<i>Theft from the person</i>	68	115	-47	-40.9%
<i>Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)</i>	1373	1457	-84	-5.8%
<i>Shoplifting</i>	2313	2341	-28	-1.2%
<i>Other Theft</i>	1629	1765	-136	-7.7%
Criminal damage and Arson	2545	2910	-365	-12.5%
<i>Criminal damage</i>	2401	2760	-359	-13.0%
<i>Arson</i>	144	150	-6	-4.0%
Publicly Reported Crime	17765	20407	-2642	-12.9%
Public Disorder	1763	2400	-637	-26.5%
Drug offences	753	692	61	8.8%
<i>Trafficking of drugs</i>	312	189	123	65.1%
<i>Possession/Use of drugs</i>	441	503	-62	-12.3%
Possession of Weapons	220	235	-15	-6.4%
Misc. crimes against society	617	623	-6	-1.0%
Police Generated Crime	3353	3950	-597	-15.1%
Total Crime	21118	24357	-3239	-13.3%

³ SOURCE: Cleveland Police monthly crime statistics database

Key to note in Table 2 below:

- In October 2024, 1,476 publicly reported offences were recorded in the Borough, which is a decrease of 171 (or -10.4%) on October 2023. The largest increase was in relation to Arson.
- Police generated crime, which includes crimes such as drug offences, public disorder and possession of weapons was 304 in October 2024 up by 13 (4.5%) versus October 2023. The largest increase was in relation to Trafficking of Drugs.
- Overall, there was a total of 1,797 crimes in the current period, equal to 154 (-7.9%) less crimes in October 2024 versus October 2023.

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

Crime Type	Current Period	Previous Period	Difference No.	% Difference
Violence against the person	597	685	-88	-12.8%
<i>Homicide</i>	0	0	0	-
<i>Death or injury due to driving</i>	0	1	-1	-100.0%
<i>Violence with injury</i>	147	159	-12	-7.5%
<i>Violence without injury</i>	253	245	8	3.3%
<i>Stalking and Harassment</i>	197	280	-83	-29.6%
Sexual offences	75	59	16	27.1%
<i>Rape</i>	30	23	7	30.4%
<i>Other Sexual offences</i>	45	36	9	25.0%
Robbery	17	13	4	30.8%
Theft	547	702	-155	-22.1%
<i>Burglary - Residential</i>	68	148	-80	-54.1%
<i>Burglary - Business & Com.</i>	21	25	-4	-16.0%
<i>Bicycle Theft</i>	18	17	1	5.9%
<i>Theft from the person</i>	3	6	-3	-50.0%
<i>Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)</i>	97	196	-99	-50.5%
<i>Shoplifting</i>	221	154	67	43.5%
<i>Other Theft</i>	119	156	-37	-23.7%
Criminal damage and Arson	257	201	56	27.9%
<i>Criminal damage</i>	240	192	48	25.0%
<i>Arson</i>	17	9	8	88.9%
Publicly Reported Crime	1493	1660	-167	-10.1%
Public Disorder	149	153	-4	-2.6%
Drug offences	76	61	15	24.6%
<i>Trafficking of drugs</i>	27	15	12	80.0%
<i>Possession/Use of drugs</i>	49	46	3	6.5%
Possession of Weapons	25	18	7	38.9%
Misc. crimes against society	54	59	-5	-8.5%
Police Generated Crime	304	291	13	4.5%
Total Crime	1797	1951	-154	-7.9%

Performance Highlights: October 2023 - October 2024 versus October 2022 - October 2023

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: October 2023 - October 2024 versus October 2022 - October 2023

Offence Type	Numeric Reduction	Percentage Reduction
Arson	-6	-4.0%
Bicycle Theft	-93	-38.3%
Burglary - Business & Com.	-52	-16.9%
Burglary - Residential	-477	-36.3%
Criminal damage	-359	-13.0%
Homicide	-3	-50%
Misc. crimes against society	-6	-1.0
Other Sexual offences	-79	-14.4%
Other Theft	-136	-7.7%
Possession/Use of drugs	-62	-12.3
Possession of Weapons	-15	-6.4%
Public Disorder	-637	-26.5%
Rape	-12	-4.3%
Robbery	-37	-14.9%
Shoplifting	-28	-1.25
Stalking and Harassment	-845	-23.4%
Theft from the person	-47	-40.9%
Vehicle Crime	-84	-5.8%
Violence with injury	-189	-8.8%
Violence without injury	-195	-6.3%

Key to note in Table 3:

- Compared with October 2022 - October 2023, between October 2023 - October 2024 overall the largest percentage reduction (-50.0%) in recorded offences in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to Homicide.

END OF REPORT

Agenda Item 11

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

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