

**Date:** Thursday 30 May 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**

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

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

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

## Table 2 – Other Registerable Interest

You must register as an Other Registrable Interest:

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

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## SAFER STOCKTON PARTNERSHIP

A meeting of Safer Stockton Partnership was held on Thursday 28 March 2024.

**Present:** Cllr Norma Stephenson OBE (Chair), John Wrintmore (Police, Vice Chair), Cllr Steve Nelson, Cllr Pauline Beall, Sharon Cooney, Richard Brown (Fire Brigade), Anna Waddington (Curve), Marc Stephenson, Gary Knight, Jon Carling, Angela Corner, Sarah Wilson, Sarah Bowman-Abuna, Dan Herring (Police).

**Officers:** John Devine.

**Also in attendance:**

**Apologies:** Cllr Ann McCoy, Mandie Rowlands, Kay Nicolson, Ann Powell, Eddie Huntington, David Willingham.

### **SSP/1/23 Evacuation Procedure**

The Evacuation Procedure was noted by members.

### **SSP/2/23 Apologies for Absence**

Introductions and apologies for absence were given.

### **SSP/3/23 Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

### **SSP/4/23 Op Harmony Update**

This agenda item was an accidental duplication of the following item, therefore Officers gave the update on the below item.

### **SSP/5/23 Ropner/Town Centre (Op Harmony) Update**

The first meeting coms surgery had been held at the Family Hub in Ropner, and would be held once a month on a Thursday with representatives from a number of partners such as the Police and Fire Brigade etc.

The event was well attended by members of the community with questions around Social Care provision and the Holidays Are Fun programme. Through the survey it was noted that a large number of the public wanted to be involved in keeping their community spaces safe and clean.

Members AGREED to note the update.

### **SSP/6/23 Police Update**

Members were informed that the first Communication Surgery had taken place at the Family Hub in Ropner. Reported Crimes dropped by 8% from October 2023, Officers praised the community working between the Public and partner organisations.

It was highlighted during the update that truancy levels for the Stockton Borough was 170% above the national average, which Police acknowledged as a significant challenge which would be tackled. The impact on lowering truancy levels was discussed and the benefits of reaching those children who were more likely to be drawn into crime. A working group had been formed and one of its objectives would be to prevent the progression from truancy to organised crime.

A task and finish group had been set up to review the results of the recent survey of the public, one of the outcomes which Officers could share was the request for more Family Hub Sessions which would be actioned when possible.

Members asked if there had been a migration of crime detected, which Officers were able to state that no increased levels of crime in the surrounding areas had been reported. But it would be closely monitored.

The approach which was being used in the Ropner Ward was seen as a proof of concept and would be rolled out to other wards in the future. Officers would bring back further details in the future.

Members expressed their satisfaction with the clear community engagement work which had been done. And the joint work which had been done by all partners.

Members AGREED to note the report.

## **SSP/7/23 Recorded Crime & Disorder Report**

The Police presented the Recorded Crime & Disorder Report to members of the partnership, highlighting some of the following sections of the report.

- Reported public order offenses had decreased by 18.8%.
- Theft from person had the largest percentage drop of the report with a 41.6% drop.
- Police generated crime had also seen a reduction of 13%.
- Residential Burglary had increased by 18.5%.

Offices also highlighted operation Nightfall which is the Polices approach to Sex Workers, and Officers had completed a 7-week review which showed that Police were using the correct balance between enforcement and not pushing those vulnerable into more dangerous areas. The overall aim of operation Nightfall is to ensure the safeguarding of Sex Workers and members of the public through joint partnership work.

A brief discussion was had around the use of off-road bikes, with what national and local plans/policy were in place. Police informed members that they would be looking at increasing the use of DNA sprays and stingers, but the issue of injuries from the use of stinger could not be ignored.

Members AGREED to Note the report.

**SSP/8/23 Prevent Strategy Update**

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

**SSP/9/23 Any Other Business**

Members of the Partnership highlighted an initiative which had been in place in years gone by known as 'Street Pastors'. A board was in the process of being put together to secure funds and manage its revival. The structure of the programme and how it would be run were also being looked at.

Some concern over the religious nature of the programme's name was discussed with some members wanting reassurances that other faiths were not excluded from the volunteering process.

There was no other business brought to the attention of members.

Members AGREED to note the update.

**SSP/10/23 Restricted - iQuanta Report**

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

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

AGREED that the report be noted.

**SSP/11/23 Prevent Update**

Members were presented with a restricted report that provided an update on the Prevent Counter Terrorism Policing Programme. Due to the nature of the update and the possible connection to ongoing investigations this item was restricted.

AGREED that the report be noted.

**SSP/12/23 Serious and Organised Crime Update**

Members were presented with a restricted report that provided an update on the Prevent Counter Terrorism Policing Programme. Due to the nature of the update and the connection to possible ongoing investigations this item was restricted.

AGREED that the report be noted.

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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 March 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 14/05/2024. 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)<sup>1</sup> for publicly reported crime in Stockton-on-Tees was 115.5 for March 2023 – March 2024.

Between March 2023 – March 2024, there were 19,198 publicly reported offences, which is a decrease of 1738 crimes (or –8.3%) 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 602 crimes in comparison with the previous period, giving total police generated crime figure of 3578, which is a decrease of 14.4 on the same period the previous year. Overall, there was a total of 22776 crimes, equal to 2340 (9.3%) less crimes compared with the same period last year.

Comparing the number of crimes recorded in the period March 2022 – March 2023 versus March 2023 – March 2024, there were more of 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

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

- Arson
- Bicycle Theft
- Burglary - Business & Com.
- Criminal damage
- Other sexual offences
- Possession of Weapons
- Rape
- Shoplifting
- Stalking and Harassment
- Theft from the person
- Trafficking of drugs
- Violence with injury
- Violence without injury

Compared with March 2022 – March 2023 versus March 2023 – March 2024, the largest reduction (-48.4%) in Police recorded offences in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to 'Theft from the person'.

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

As at 31/03/24, reports of ASB to Cleveland Police show that across the Borough in the last 12 months, there was 4,794 ASB incidents, which is 8.5% increase on the previous 12 months.

Between March 2023 – March 2024, 5116 Service Requests were recorded by Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council Civic Enforcement team as ASB (including noise and alcohol issues).

This is equal to an overall decrease of 128 incidents (-2.4%) in the last year (Reference: 5244 incidents for March 2022 – March 2023).

In the same comparative period, the number of begging incidents was 552, equal to -514; and the number of rowdy/nuisance behaviour incidents was 1087, equal to -127.

### **Crime: March 2023 – March 2024 versus March 2022 – March 2023**

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

- There were 19,198 publicly reported offences, which is a decrease of 1,738 crimes (or a decrease of 8.3%) on the same period in the previous year. The largest reduction was in relation to 'Theft from the person' and the largest increase was in relation to 'Death or injury due to driving'.
- Police generated crime, which includes crimes such as drug offences, public disorder and possession of weapons has decreased by 602 crimes, giving total police generated crime figure of 3,578 offences, down 14.4% on the period.
- Overall, there was a total of 22,776 crimes over the period, equal to 2340 (-9.3%) less crimes in the period.
- The rate per 1,000 population (all ages)<sup>1</sup> for publicly reported crime in Stockton-on-Tees was 115.5 for March 2023 – March 2024. This has decreased from a rate of 127.4 in the same period last year.

**Table 1. Cleveland Police Crime Statistics for Stockton-on-Tees: March 2023 – March 2024**

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

Crime Type	Mar-24	Mar-23	Difference	% Difference
<b>Violence against the person</b>	<b>8220</b>	<b>9206</b>	<b>-986</b>	<b>-10.7%</b>
<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>	2059	2136	-77	-3.6%
<i>Violence without injury</i>	2967	3236	-269	-8.3%
<i>Stalking and Harassment</i>	3179	3826	-647	-16.9%
<b>Sexual offences</b>	<b>981</b>	<b>1202</b>	<b>-221</b>	<b>-18.4%</b>
<i>Rape</i>	242	345	-103	-29.9%
<i>Other Sexual offences</i>	739	857	-118	-13.8%
<b>Robbery</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>-56</b>	<b>-20.2%</b>
<b>Theft</b>	<b>7132</b>	<b>7284</b>	<b>-152</b>	<b>-2.1%</b>
<i>Burglary - Residential</i>	1143	1069	74	6.9%
<i>Burglary - Business &amp; Com.</i>	300	343	-43	-12.5%
<i>Bicycle Theft</i>	195	264	-69	-26.1%
<i>Theft from the person</i>	80	155	-75	-48.4%
<i>Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)</i>	1449	1250	199	15.9%
<i>Shoplifting</i>	2202	2464	-262	-10.6%
<i>Other Theft</i>	1763	1739	24	1.4%
<b>Criminal damage and Arson</b>	<b>2644</b>	<b>2967</b>	<b>-323</b>	<b>-10.9%</b>
<i>Criminal damage</i>	2514	2809	-295	-10.5%
<i>Arson</i>	130	158	-28	-17.7%
<b>Publicly Reported Crime</b>	<b>19198</b>	<b>20936</b>	<b>-1738</b>	<b>-8.3%</b>
<b>Public Disorder</b>	<b>2085</b>	<b>2682</b>	<b>-597</b>	<b>-22.3%</b>
<b>Drug offences</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>-17</b>	<b>-2.6%</b>
<i>Trafficking of drugs</i>	179	198	-19	-9.6%
<i>Possession/Use of drugs</i>	465	463	2	0.4%
<b>Possession of Weapons</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>-15</b>	<b>-6.1%</b>
<b>Misc. crimes against society</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>4.6%</b>
<b>Police Generated Crime</b>	<b>3578</b>	<b>4180</b>	<b>-602</b>	<b>-14.4%</b>
<b>Total Crime</b>	<b>22776</b>	<b>25116</b>	<b>-2340</b>	<b>-9.3%</b>

Key to note in Table 2 below:

- In March 2024, 1,457 publicly reported offences were recorded in the Borough, which is a decrease of 407 (or -21.8%) against March 2023. In relation to publicly reported offences, all types decreased comparing March 2024 against March 2023.
- Police generated crime, which includes crimes such as drug offences, public disorder and possession of weapons was 300 in March 2024, down by 43 (-12.5%) versus March 2023. The largest increase was in relation to 'Trafficking of drugs'.
- Overall, there was a total of 1,757 crimes in the current period, equal to 450 (20.4%) less crimes in March 2023 - March 2024.



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

Crime Type	Current Period	Previous Period	Difference (No. and %)	
<b>Violence against the person</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>-136</b>	<b>-17.9%</b>
<i>Homicide</i>	0	0	0	-
<i>Death or injury due to driving</i>	0	0	0	-
<i>Violence with injury</i>	152	164	-12	-7.3%
<i>Violence without injury</i>	246	259	-13	-5.0%
<i>Stalking and Harassment</i>	227	338	-111	-32.8%
<b>Sexual offences</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>-14</b>	<b>-18.7%</b>
<i>Rape</i>	18	27	-9	-33.3%
<i>Other Sexual offences</i>	43	48	-5	-10.4%
<b>Robbery</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-4.2%</b>
<b>Theft</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>-167</b>	<b>-23.1%</b>
<i>Burglary - Residential</i>	54	121	-67	-55.4%
<i>Burglary - Business &amp; Com.</i>	21	25	-4	-16.0%
<i>Bicycle Theft</i>	14	28	-14	-50.0%
<i>Theft from the person</i>	8	15	-7	-46.7%
<i>Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)</i>	133	136	-3	-2.2%
<i>Shoplifting</i>	190	254	-64	-25.2%
<i>Other Theft</i>	136	144	-8	-5.6%
<b>Criminal damage and Arson</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>-89</b>	<b>-31.7%</b>
<i>Criminal damage</i>	180	265	-85	-32.1%
<i>Arson</i>	12	16	-4	-25.0%
<b>Publicly Reported Crime</b>	<b>1457</b>	<b>1864</b>	<b>-407</b>	<b>-21.8%</b>
<b>Public Disorder</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>-60</b>	<b>-27.8%</b>
<b>Drug offences</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-3.6%</b>
<i>Trafficking of drugs</i>	21	13	8	61.5%
<i>Possession/Use of drugs</i>	32	42	-10	-23.8%
<b>Possession of Weapons</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>22.2%</b>
<b>Misc. crimes against society</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>27.8%</b>
<b>Police Generated Crime</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>-43</b>	<b>-12.5%</b>
<b>Total Crime</b>	<b>1757</b>	<b>2207</b>	<b>-450</b>	<b>-20.4%</b>

**Performance Highlights: March 2022 – March 2023 versus March 2023 – March 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: March 2022 – March 2023 versus March 2023 – March 2024**

<b>Offence Type</b>	<b>Numeric Reduction</b>	<b>Percentage Reduction</b>
<i>Arson</i>	-28	-17.7%
<i>Bicycle Theft</i>	-69	-26.1%
<i>Burglary - Business &amp; Com.</i>	-43	-12.5%
<i>Criminal damage</i>	-295	-10.5%
<i>Other Sexual offences</i>	-118	-13.8%
<i>Possession of Weapons</i>	-15	-6.1%
<i>Rape</i>	-103	-29.9%
<i>Robbery</i>	-56	-20.2%
<i>Shoplifting</i>	-262	-10.6%
<i>Stalking and Harassment</i>	-647	-16.9%
<i>Theft from the person</i>	-75	-48.4%
<i>Trafficking of drugs</i>	-19	-9.6%
<i>Violence with injury</i>	-77	-3.6%
<i>Violence without injury</i>	-269	-8.3%

Key to note in Table 3:

- Comparing March 2022 – March 2023 and March 2023 – March 2024, overall, the largest percentage reduction (-48.4%) in recorded offences in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to 'Theft from the person'.

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