

Date: Wednesday 2 October 2024 at 9.00 am

Venue: Democratic Services Meeting Room, First Floor, Municipal Buildings, Church Road, Stockton on Tees, TS18 1LD

Cllr Pauline Beall
Cllr Norma Stephenson OBE

Cllr Steve Nelson

AGENDA

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To approve the minutes for the last meeting held on
Wednesday 17/07/2024.

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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 17 July 2024.

Present: Cllr Norma Stephenson OBE (Chair), John Wrintmore (Vice), Cllr Pauline Beall, Cllr Steve Nelson, Sharon Cooney, Dan Heron, Anna Waddington, Gary Knight, Mandie Rowlands, Mandy Mackinnon, Richard Brown, Sarah Willson, Matty Storey, Dave Connor, Ann Powell and Michelle Hill.

Officers: John Devine.

Also in attendance:

Apologies: .

SSP/1224 **Evacuation Procedure**

The Evacuation Procedure was noted by Members.

SSP/1324 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

SSP/1424 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held Thursday 30th May 2024 were agreed as a true record.

SSP/1524 **Knife Crime Prevention**

Members agreed that due to Officers being unable to attend the meeting that the Knife Crime Prevention report be deferred to another meeting.

SSP/1624 **PCC Presentation**

The Partnership was presented with a Presentation by the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), in the presentation the six key aims of the PCC were outlined. Members discussed each of the sections highlighted in the presentation.

Deliver More Visible & Effective Policing.

Members expressed their support for more visible and effective policing but questioned if funding would be available for more Police. Officers explained that following the Annual General Meeting for PCCs a comprehensive spending review would be taking place, it was hoped following the review greater funding would be allocated. Officers from the PCCs office stated they were committed to making sure that Cleveland got its fair share of any funding.

Members committed to working alongside the Police, with the Councils Community Safety Teams to help plug the gap until more Police were available.

Reduce Crime, Antisocial Behaviour and Harm.

The Issue of Off-Road Bikes and E Scooters were the most common talking points in this section, with Members noting that these issues are often amplified by social media complaints.

Officers noted the concerns of members and highlighted the work being done by Police to tackle these issues. The difficulties that the Police face in tackling the use of Off-Road Bikes was discussed, stopping and seizing a bike while in use is the most dangerous course of action for all involved. Police had been working to promote the various ways the public can report information on the location of where the bikes are stored. And ensure that there would be a confidential way to pass the information on to the Police as well.

It was acknowledged that in real terms Anti-Social Behaviour had reduced but that the public perception was that it was increasing. Officers and members suggested that this could be tackled by more positive messaging through social media, highlighting good work being done in the local area.

Improve Safety for Women and Girls.

The PCCs Office had spoken to local partners who had felt they hadn't been fully utilised in the past. The local partners were keen to expand their input into these issues and be more effective.

Members expressed their opinion that the local area had excellent partners that provide excellent services and supported them being utilised more. Members were also keen that any domestic abuse work done would be gender neutral, as Stockton Councils own strategies were. It was acknowledged that women make up the majority of reported cases of domestic abuse, but members did not want to minimise the impact on male victims.

Build Trust & Confidence in Policing & the Criminal Justice System.

To build trust and confidence work had already been undertaken to promote through social media the good work being done around the local area. Promoting stories of successful work done and positive case handling done by the Police were also suggested. Letting members of the public know about Cleveland Police practices being used as examples of best practise by other areas, for example the Custody Navigator scheme ran by Cleveland Police being studied by other forces.

Ensure the Right Support for Victims & Vulnerable People.

Members discussed with Officers the second bullet point of the section, as those experiencing homelessness, substance misuse and mental health issues had historically experienced stigma. And all partners were committed to ensuring that wouldn't be repeated with this aim.

Tackle Offending & Re-Offending.

Members were agreed on the importance of tackling offending and re offending, the PCC had already undertaken a number of out reach programmes and provided funding to other programmes aimed at early intervention.

Members AGREED to note the update.

SSP/1724 Recorded Crime & Disorder Report

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

- The Road Safety Team were focusing on an increase in the numbers of death due to driving.
- Weapon offences had decreased by 18.5%
- A ward survey had taken place with over 800 responders which identified three main areas of concerns. Anti-Social Behaviour, Drugs and Burglary.
- A engagement day had been held in Stockton for Operation Artemis with the reporting of arrest figures in real time being discussed.
- There had been a 3% reduction in residential burglary in the year-to-year statistics.

Members of the partnership were pleased by the high number of people who had responded to the ward surveys. Also discussed was the use of social media and how Police would be utilising it to promote the work that Police had done.

Members Agreed to note the report.

SSP/1824 Performance Monitoring

This section of the agenda was covered in the subheadings below this item.

SSP/1924 Operation Harmony Update

A report on Operation Harmony would be available to members for the next meeting of the partnership. However, Officers were able to point out several key points that would be covered in more depth in the report.

Residents were more confident that they were being listened to by authorities.

There has been a noted increase in the levels of trust between sex workers and the Police. Officers describe seeing the green shoots of a stronger community coming through but acknowledges residents' fears of a regression following if Operation Harmony was stopped too soon.

Members AGREED to note the update.

SSP/2024 Safer Streets 5 Update

Members were made aware that some funding had been made available for further lighting in the Councils town centres.

Members agreed to note the update.

SSP/2124 Prevent (CT) Update

Officers gave members a brief update of an event held in Liverpool which aimed to introduce ways to help divert people to away from extremism, through guidance for young people.

Members agreed to not the update.

SSP/2224 Any Other Business

Members updated other Partners that a board and constitution had now been put in place for the Street Angels organisation. But they were waiting until the organisation had been fully registered before calling for volunteers.

Members noted the update.

SSP/2324 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/2424 Bleed Cabinet Discussion

Members were presented with a restricted report that provided an update on the discussion on the Bleed Cabinet item.

Safer Stockton Partnership
Report Produced 05-09-2024

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 May 2023 to the end of April 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 (02/09/2024). 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 103.1 for July 2023 to the end of June 2024.

Between July 2023 – June 2024, there were 18,457 publicly reported offences, which is a decrease of -2343 crimes (or - 11.3%) 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 - 889 crimes in comparison with the previous period, giving total police generated crime figure of 3344 offences, down –21.0% on the same period the previous year. Overall, there was a total of 21,801 crimes, equal to -3232 (-12.9%) less crimes compared with the same period last year.

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

- Death or injury due to driving
- Misc. crimes against society
- Trafficking of Drugs
- Vehicle Crime

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

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

Compared with July 2023 – June 2024 versus July 2022 – June 2023, the largest reduction (-23.83) in Police recorded offences in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to Stalking & Harassment.

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

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

As at 30/06/24, reports of ASB to Cleveland Police show that across the Borough in the last 12 months, there was 4,716 ASB incidents, which is a decrease of 1.2% on the previous 12 months.

Between July 2023 – June 2024, 3,080 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 854 incidents (-19.8%) in the last year. In the same comparative period, the number of begging incidents was 437, equal to +411 and the number of rowdy/nuisance behaviour incidents was 907, equal to -214.

Crime: July 2023 – June 2024 versus July 2022 – June 2023

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

- There were 18,457 publicly reported offences, which is an increase of 2,343 crimes (or a decrease of 11.3%) on the same period in the previous year. The largest reduction was in relation to Stalking & Harassment and the largest increase was in relation to Vehicle Crime.
- Police generated crime, which includes crimes such as drug offences, public disorder and possession of weapons has decreased by a further 889 crimes, giving a total police generated crime figure of 3,344 offences, down -21.0% on the same period the previous year.
- Overall, there was a total of 21,801 crimes in the current period, equal to -3,232 (-12.9%) 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 110.6 for July 2023 – June 2024. This has increased from a rate of 94.2 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: July 2023 – June 2024³

Crime Type	Jun-24	Jun-23	Difference No.	% Difference
Violence against the person	7873	9272	-1399	-15.1%
<i>Homicide</i>	3	5	-2	-40.0%
<i>Death or injury due to driving</i>	19	6	13	216.7%
<i>Violence with injury</i>	2027	2193	-166	-7.6%
<i>Violence without injury</i>	2906	3241	-335	-10.3%
<i>Stalking and Harassment</i>	2918	3827	-909	-23.8%
Sexual offences	734	843	-109	-12.9%
<i>Rape</i>	243	322	-79	-24.5%
<i>Other Sexual offences</i>	491	521	-30	-5.8%
Robbery	214	272	-58	-21.3%
Theft	7048	7396	-348	-4.7%
<i>Burglary - Residential</i>	1048	1176	-128	-10.9%
<i>Burglary - Business & Com.</i>	259	339	-80	-23.6%
<i>Bicycle Theft</i>	180	238	-58	-24.4%
<i>Theft from the person</i>	68	154	-86	-55.8%
<i>Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)</i>	1488	1357	131	9.7%
<i>Shoplifting</i>	2257	2383	-126	-5.3%
<i>Other Theft</i>	1748	1749	-1	-0.1%
Criminal damage and Arson	2588	3017	-429	-14.2%
<i>Criminal damage</i>	2448	2863	-415	-14.5%
<i>Arson</i>	140	154	-14	-9.1%
Publicly Reported Crime	18457	20800	-2343	-11.3%
Public Disorder	1825	2695	-870	-32.3%
Drug offences	675	701	-26	-3.7%
<i>Trafficking of drugs</i>	227	193	34	17.6%
<i>Possession/Use of drugs</i>	448	508	-60	-11.8%
Possession of Weapons	220	245	-25	-10.2%
Misc. crimes against society	624	592	32	5.4%
Police Generated Crime	3344	4233	-889	-21.0%
Total Crime	21801	25033	-3232	-12.9%

³ SOURCE: Cleveland Police monthly crime statistics database

Key to note in Table 2 below:

- In June 2024, 1,508 publicly reported offences were recorded in the Borough, which is a decrease of -167 (or -10.0%) on June 2023. The largest increase was in relation to Shoplifting.
- Police generated crime, which includes crimes such as drug offences, public disorder and possession of weapons was 305 in June 2024, up by 63 (25.9%) versus June 2023. The largest increase was in relation to Drug offences.
- Overall, there was a total of 1,813 crimes in the current period, equal to -104 (-5.4%) less crimes in June 2024 versus June 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	630	789	-159	-20.2%
<i>Homicide</i>	1	0	1	-
<i>Death or injury due to driving</i>	0	2	-2	-100.0%
<i>Violence with injury</i>	179	205	-26	-12.7%
<i>Violence without injury</i>	235	287	-52	-18.1%
<i>Stalking and Harassment</i>	215	295	-80	-27.1%
Sexual offences	67	64	3	4.7%
<i>Rape</i>	13	17	-4	-23.5%
<i>Other Sexual offences</i>	54	47	7	14.9%
Robbery	19	27	-8	-29.6%
Theft	561	585	-24	-4.1%
<i>Burglary - Residential</i>	53	89	-36	-40.4%
<i>Burglary - Business & Com.</i>	15	25	-10	-40.0%
<i>Bicycle Theft</i>	11	23	-12	-52.2%
<i>Theft from the person</i>	8	10	-2	-20.0%
<i>Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)</i>	123	108	15	13.9%
<i>Shoplifting</i>	193	152	41	27.0%
<i>Other Theft</i>	158	178	-20	-11.2%
Criminal damage and Arson	231	210	21	10.0%
<i>Criminal damage</i>	215	199	16	8.0%
<i>Arson</i>	16	11	5	45.5%
Publicly Reported Crime	1508	1675	-167	-10.0%
Public Disorder	154	126	28	21.9%
Drug offences	77	42	35	83.3%
<i>Trafficking of drugs</i>	38	9	29	322.2%
<i>Possession/Use of drugs</i>	39	33	6	18.2%
Possession of Weapons	23	27	-4	-14.8%
Misc. crimes against society	51	47	4	8.5%
Police Generated Crime	305	242	63	25.9%
Total Crime	1813	1917	-104	-5.4%

Performance Highlights: July 2023 – June 2024 versus July 2022 to June 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: July 2023 – June 2024 versus July 2022 to June 2023

Offence Type	Numeric Reduction	Percentage Reduction
Arson	-14	-9.1%
Bicycle Theft	-58	24.4%
Burglary - Business & Com.	-80	-23.6%
Burglary - Residential	-128	-10.9%
Criminal damage	-415	-14.5%
Homicide	-2	40.0%
Other Sexual offences	-30	-5.8%
Other Theft	-1	-0.1%
Possession/Use of drugs	-60	-11.8%
Possession of Weapons	-25	-10.2%
Rape	-79	-24.5%
Shoplifting	-126	-5.3%
Stalking and Harassment	-909	-23.8%
Theft from the person	-86	-55.8%
Violence with injury	-166	-7.6%
Violence without injury	-335	-10.3%

Key to note in Table 3:

- Compared with July 2022 – June 2023, between July 2023 – June 2024 overall the largest percentage reduction (-23.8%) in recorded offences in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to Stalking & Harassment.

END OF REPORT

Agenda Item 12

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

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