

## Crime and Disorder Select Committee Chair's Update – March 2023

Scrutiny Review – Tree Asset Management	
<b>Achieved since last meeting</b>	<p>Following an informal 'summary of evidence' session in January 2023 where the Committee subsequently formulated a number of draft recommendations, the draft final report was considered (and then agreed) at the Committee meeting in February 2023.</p> <p>The Committee's final report was presented to Cabinet later in February 2023 where the recommendations were endorsed (note: an executive summary of the Committee's final report appears elsewhere on this agenda).</p> <p>A draft Action Plan in relation to the review's recommendations was presented to the Committee in March 2023 – this was subsequently approved.</p>
<b>Problems or concerns</b>	None
<b>Planned next month</b>	The first update on progress of the agreed actions in relation to the review's recommendations will be considered in 2023-2024.
<b>On track – yes / no</b>	Yes

Monitoring	
<b>Key Issues / Problems or Concerns</b>	<p>The following progress updates were received by the Committee since the last Executive Scrutiny Committee meeting:</p> <p><u>Fraud Awareness (Personal)</u> The second update on the agreed Action Plan in relation to this previously completed review was considered in February 2023. It was agreed that the one outstanding action (supporting the provision of digital projects enabling older people to learn about devices / how to use the internet) could be deemed 'fully achieved', therefore no further progress updates will be required.</p> <p><u>Police Communications in Stockton-on-Tees (Task &amp; Finish)</u> The second update on the agreed Action Plan in relation to this previously completed review was considered in March 2023. It was agreed that the one outstanding action (future communications protocol / agreement between Cleveland Police and SBC Ward Councillors) could be deemed 'fully achieved', therefore no further progress updates will be required.</p> <p>It was highlighted that engagement and communication with a range of stakeholders has been undertaken as a result of the work done in this Borough by Cleveland Police. So far this year, Stockton Neighbourhood Policing Team have recorded the highest level of face-to-face engagement with the public across the entire force area by a significant margin. Furthermore, other engagement activity has also continued.</p>

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	<p><u>Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs)</u> The second update on the agreed Action Plan in relation to this previously completed review was considered in March 2023. It was agreed that the one outstanding action (increased dedicated and visible multiagency presence within the Borough’s town centres to support local businesses and reassure residents / visitors in identifying and responding to ASB) could be deemed ‘fully achieved’, therefore no further progress updates will be required.</p> <p>The additional 12 Civic Enforcement Officers have now been fully embedded within the town centre areas to supplement the wider team already providing a service to businesses and the visiting public. The team are working alongside multi-agency partners, including Cleveland Police, with a problem-solving approach having been adopted and working well. Leading up to the implementation of a PSPO in Stockton Town Centre and Norton Village in April, additional joint working with partners such as CGL and our own Housing Services is also fully in place.</p> <p><u>Bonfires on Public Land</u> The first update on the agreed Action Plan in relation to this previously completed review was considered in March 2023. Good progress made across all recommendations, including the promotion of fire safety in collaboration with Cleveland Fire Brigade, a new approach to partnership-working (with a clear strategy to deal with ASB hotspots, fire safety and reporting routes for the bonfire – demonstrated through the Operation Bonfire approach) implemented in 2022 which will be further developed throughout the year, and continued work to identify and accurately track bonfire hotspots. One action is yet to be fully achieved, therefore a further update will be required later in 2023.</p> <p>Future progress updates regarding previously completed reviews will be received by the Committee as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fly-Grazed Horses (TBC – 2023-2024)</li> <li>• Bonfires on Public Land (TBC – 2023-2024)</li> <li>• Tree Asset Management (TBC – 2023-2024)</li> </ul>
<b>Requests for more information</b>	None

<b>Remaining 2022-2023 Scrutiny Reviews</b>
None

<b>Remaining 2022-2023 Meetings (all 4.30pm unless stated)</b>
None