

Community Safety Select Committee

25 September 2025

STOCKTON-ON-TEES COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY

Summary

The Committee will receive a briefing on the ongoing refresh of the local Community Safety Strategy (the current version expires at the end of 2025).

Detail

1. Community Safety Partnerships (known locally as the Safer Stockton Partnership (SSP)) have statutory obligations under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to prepare a strategy to reduce crime and disorder, reduce reoffending, and reduce the harm caused by drugs and alcohol.
2. The current Stockton-on-Tees strategy (https://www.stockton.gov.uk/media/3085/Stockton-on-Tees-Community-Safety-Plan/pdf/Stockton-on-Tees_Community_Safety_Strategy_2022-2025_final_accessible.pdf?m=1647595513977) expires at the end of 2025, with preparation for the development of the new version commencing at the beginning of this year.
3. A clear process is set out in the Crime and Disorder Act in terms of developing a strategy, the main requirement being a significant strategic assessment of data and information in relation to crime and disorder locally. This work then sets the framework of the priorities locally, although many priorities are mandated nationally.
4. From the end of August 2025, the aim was for consultation to commence on the emerging priorities across the Community Safety Partnership, and with other bodies such as the Community Safety Select Committee, which were vital in representing resident voices – this would help inform the priorities for Stockton-on-Tees. The intention is to then bring a final draft version to the SSP in October 2025, with a view to publishing the new strategy in December 2025.
5. A draft 'Community Safety Plan: Stockton-on-Tees 2025-2027' has been provided for the Committee's consideration and is included within these meeting papers. The SBC Cabinet Member for Access, Communities and Community Safety and other relevant officers will be in attendance to present this document and then address any subsequent Committee comments / questions.

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