Safer Stockton Partnership

A meeting of Safer Stockton Partnership was held on Wednesday 20th May 2026.

Present: Cllr Norma Stephenson OBE (Chair), Alan O'Donoghue (Deputy Chair), Cllr Pauline Beall, Dawn Tyerman, Sharon Cooney, Marc Stephenson, Anna Waddington, Lucy Owens, Leanne Maloney-Kelly, Jamie Bell, Jen Moore, Steven Harris, Adam Bateman, Claire Spencer, Mandy Mackinnon, Rachel Parker, Vanessa Housley, Sarah Bowman-Abouna.

Officers: John Devine.

Also in attendance: NA

Apologies: Cllr Clare Besford

SSP/1/26 Evacuation Procedure

The Evacuation Procedure was noted

SSP/2/26 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

SSP/3/26 Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meetings held on Wednesday 21st January 2026 & Wednesday 18th March 2026 were agreed as a true record.

SSP/4/26 Recorded Crime & Disorder Report

Members were presented with the Recorded Crime & Disorder report, the report focused on the recorded crime in the Stockton on Tees Borough over a 12-month period starting in April 2025 to April 2026.

Officers highlighted the following sections of the report to Members:

- Publicly reported offences had increased from the previous year by 14.8%.
- Police generated crime had also increased slightly from the previous year by 2.8%.
- Publicly reported Anti-Social Behaviour had seen a 1.5% reduction.
- Death or serious injury caused by illegal driving had the largest reduction since last year with -60%.
- Homicide showed a large increase of 200% but that was an actual increase of 2 incidents over the last year.
- Theft had increased by 21.8%.
- Criminal Damage & Arson had overall shown a reduction of 1.6% however Arson showed an increase of 14.0% since last year.
- Drug offences had reduced by 6.1%.
- Public Order Offences had increased by 4.2%.

Officers informed Members that a portion of the increases highlighted above could be attributed to Operation Magnolia, which was a retrospective recording of historical offences in Kirklevington. The increase in certain crime types across Cleveland was discussed with members, and how support multi agency support could be the solution. With Members and Officers agreeing that the Cost-of-Living crisis and low employment could be a contributing factor, and what early intervention work could be done to tackle it.

Members Agreed to note the report.

SSP/5/26 ASB Charter (Six Month Update)

Representatives from Cleveland Police presented to Members the six-month update of the Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Charter. Within the report Officers informed the Partnership that there had been a 29% reduction in the number of victims of ASB, Billingham Central and Yarm had seen a 9% reduction in the period. Alongside further an 11% reduction in Hardwick and Slaters Lane, while Stockton Town Centre had seen the highest reduction of 12%.

Partners praised officers for their actions and the results shown in the report. It was acknowledged that public perception would still be a challenge, but work had to be done to increase awareness.

Officers then spoke on their ongoing enforcement activities and the focus on the next period. The Police had undertaken targeted patrol activity, while strengthening internal processes through daily scrutiny and training.

Members Noted the Update

SSP/6/26 Op Shield Update

Members were given an update on Operation Shield by Officers. Officers started the update by giving members a brief recap of Operation Shield, it had been launched in 2025 in partnership with Cleveland Police, Stockton Recovery Services, Stockton BID, Wellington Square, the Crown Prosecution Service as well as other partners.

As noted in the Recorded Crime & Disorder Report ASB continued to decrease across the Borough, but the reduction is more pronounced in the Stockton Town Centre ward with a reduction of 6.45%. The day-to-day implications of the reductions could be seen in the fewer incidents of ASB, noise and vehicle nuisance.

Members were aware that the Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) had been strengthened and expanded in recent weeks, for up to three years. Since the new PSPO’s had come into force it had been used by Police and Council Officers on 92 occasions, to disrupt or challenge perpetrators of ASB.

Officers suggested that they bring back a public quarterly report on the new PSPOs, to explain how changes were made and had led to an increase in detecting and disrupting a wider range ASB.

Members AGREED to not the report.

SSP/7/26 Prevent (CT) Update

Members were given an update on Prevent (CT) Programme; there had been a Cleveland wide meeting on Prevent in which Stockton was well represented. There were currently 8 referrals on the system, 3 active investigations with 6 in review. Officers expected guidance on Martins Law from the Home Office for how it would affect the Councils strategy.

Members noted the update.

SSP/8/26 PSPO

This report was restricted due to the links to Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

AGREED that the report be noted.

SSP/9/26 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/10/26 Community Safety Annual Report

This item was restricted due to the sensitive victim information and multiagency intelligence contained within the Community Safety Annual Report.

AGREED that the report be noted.

SSP/11/26 CSP Action Plan

Due to the connection to an ongoing Police investigation this Agenda Item was restricted.

AGREED that the report be noted.

SSP/12/26 AOB

As it was their last Safer Stockton Partnership meeting partners gave their thanks to Sharon Cooney & Lucy Owens for their work on behalf of the Partnership.

Chair: .....