

SCRUTINY REVIEW OF WELCOMING AND SAFE TOWN CENTRES

Summary

The third evidence-gathering session for the Committee's review of Welcoming and Safe Town Centres will consider submissions in relation to this scrutiny topic from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for Cleveland, Cleveland Police, and Cleveland Fire Brigade.

Detail

1. Following the review's initial focus on Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (SBC) activity regarding its town centre spaces, this session will concentrate on three key partner organisations which have been asked to respond to the following:

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for Cleveland

- What previous involvement has the OPCC for Cleveland had in improving town centre safety, and what has been the impact of this for the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees?
- What town centre priorities / plans (specifically for the Borough) are in place to make such spaces safer?
- How is the grant funding allocated to the Cleveland PCC area as part of the latest Safer Streets Fund (round five) being used to improve safety within the Borough?
- Outcomes from any evaluation of ASB hot-spot patrol routes and the 'Making Good' programme (previously referenced at the July 2024 evidence-gathering session).
- What efforts are being made to tackle shoplifting?
- How best can the OPCC and its partners address negative safety perceptions of town centre spaces?

Cleveland Police

- Safety-related issues (real or perceived) being highlighted for each of the Borough's six town centres (including the results of any previous resident / business / visitor engagement regarding this topic).
- Town centre crime / disorder data relevant to the Borough's six town centre spaces (broken down into categories / identified issues (e.g. drug-related) over the last few years).
- Safety initiatives implemented by the force and the impact of these (including working with partners and the effectiveness of this).
- Future initiatives planned by the force to make the Borough's town centres more welcoming / safe (including working with partners).
- How best can Cleveland Police and its partners address negative safety perceptions of town centre spaces (including any learning from outside the force's footprint)?

Cleveland Fire Brigade

- Fire incident data relevant to the Borough's six town centre spaces.
- Safety initiatives implemented by CFB and the impact of these (including working with partners and the effectiveness of this).
- Future initiatives planned by CFB to make the Borough's town centres more welcoming / safe (including working with partners).
- How best can CFB and its partners address negative safety perceptions of town centre spaces (including any learning from outside the CFB footprint)?

Received submissions are included within these meeting papers. Representatives from the three organisations are scheduled to be in attendance to present this information and address Member comments / questions.

2. In advance of the session, Members are again reminded of the link to the latest Town Centre-related developments which can be accessed via <https://www.stockton.gov.uk/regeneration>.
3. A copy of the agreed scope and plan for this review is included for information.

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