

CULTURE AND COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL

Date: Thursday 17th November, 2022 Time: 1.30 pm Venue: Spencer room

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declarations of Interest

To receive any declarations of interest.
3. Minutes - Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel - 20 October 2022 3 - 6
4. Off road bikes- further information

Chief Inspector Wendy Tinkler and Chief Inspector Jon Hagen, Cleveland Police will be in attendance to provide further information to the panel regarding off- road bikes.
5. PREVENT and CHANNEL- Update 7 - 18

Andy Shippey, Community Safety Officer PREVENT/reducing Reoffending and Marion Walker, Head of Stronger Communities and CHANNEL Chair will be in attendance to provide the panel with an update.
6. Museums- work plan

The Democratic Services officer will present the work plan for the panel's investigation on museums.
7. Chair's OSB Update

The Chair will provide a verbal update from the Overview and Scrutiny meeting held on 25 October 2022.

8. Any other urgent items which in the opinion of the Chair, may be considered.

Charlotte Benjamin
Director of Legal and Governance Services

Town Hall
Middlesbrough
Wednesday 9 November 2022

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors C McIntyre (Chair), G Wilson (Vice-Chair), R Arundale, C Dodds, D McCabe, M Nugent, J Rostron, Z Uddin and J Walker

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A meeting of the Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel was held on Thursday 20 October 2022.

PRESENT: Councillors Councillor Chris McIntyre, G Wilson (Vice-Chair), R Arundale, C Dodds, D McCabe, M Nugent, Z Uddin and J Walker

PRESENT BY INVITATION: Councillors

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: E Craigie, Gazette

OFFICERS: Susie Blood, Geoff Field and Dale Metcalfe

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor J Rostron/ Chief Inspector W Tinkler

22/7 **WELCOME AND EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

THE CHAIR WELCOMED EVERYONE TO THE MEETING AND PROVIDED DETAILS OF THE FIRE EVACUATION PROCEDURE.

22/8 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

22/9 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest received at this point in the meeting.

22/10 **MINUTES - CULTURE AND COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL - 21 JULY 2022**

The minutes of the Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel held on 21 July 2022 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

22/11 **OFF ROAD BIKES**

The Chair welcomed Dale Metcalfe, Operational Community Safety Manager (Middlesbrough Council) to the meeting to discuss the issue of Off road bikes. The Panel had also hoped to hear from Chief Inspector Wendy Tinkler, however due to unforeseen circumstances, she was unable to attend and would be in attendance at the next meeting to provide a police prospective.

The Manager advised that he would provide information of what the council have been doing and what they can do (from a council perspective). The issue of off road bikes is effectively a police issue, as under the Road Traffic Act they are able to prosecute and take action.

The Council are instrumental in what is known as 'Operation Endurance', a scheme that aims to crack down on nuisance riders and motorists initially in the Cleveland areas. The Scheme is led by Cleveland Police, however works with partners, including Middlesbrough Council and Thirteen. From the Council, Neighbourhood wardens and community safety officers will join forces with the Road traffic team to crack down on this issue.

Under the Road Traffic Act 1988;

It is illegal to drive or ride a mechanically propelled vehicle without lawful authority on common land, moorland or land not forming part of a road, or on any road which is a footpath, bridleway or restricted byway.

The manager provided the panel with an example of where Operation Endurance had been effectively.

On Sunday 7th August, it is estimated over 100 persons gathered across various locations in Middlesbrough on off and on road bikes, cars and quads. A subsequent "ride" out commenced where the group rode to Marske via the Trunk Road, Eston High Street and Redcar in convoy before returning to Middlesbrough where they dispersed.

Some of the bikes/quads were ridden in a dangerous and anti-social manner with footage being shared across various social media sites. Middlesbrough Council have worked with Cleveland Police to identify these individuals (around 45 individuals) and action has been taken in relation to arrests and bikes involved seized. The Council's CCTV was used in this operation, along with private residents' footage. A panel member queried how many of the individuals were from Middlesbrough, and this question would be addressed by Cleveland Police.

It is known that several railing fences were cut down by the offenders in order to gain easy access to "cut through" points for the intended route. These have now been repaired by Middlesbrough Council with additional target hardening methods put in place to prevent/ reduce the risk of this happening again in the future. In terms of new estates, Cleveland police are involved from the off set to see if there are any possibilities to include bollards/ traffic calming measures, however any measures need to ensure they meet DDA compliance.

In terms of supporting the police, the Council have measures in place through the Statement of Policy and Procedures for Antisocial Behaviour to assist and there are 5 strands:

Stage 1; warning letters,

Stage 2; Second warning letter

Stage 3; joint interviews (with parents and perpetrators), contracts and anti-social behaviour agreements

Stage 4; Final warning

Stage 5; fixed Penalty Notices and penalty notices for disorder /parenting Orders, Noise Abatement Notices, Civil Injunctions, CPN's, Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) and Criminal Behaviour Orders for offenders with criminal behaviour linked to antisocial behaviour

These measures may not follow these stages, however quite often with younger people, the stages must be built to support evidence in Court especially for example, in supporting to put an anti-social injunction (ASI) on an individual.

Statement of Policy and Procedures for Antisocial Behaviour, paragraph 4 identifies the importance of the Neighbourhood Safety Wardens and Neighbourhood Safety Officers, advising that:

The teams gather and receive intelligence and evidence from a variety of sources, i.e. resident diary sheets, Ward Members, Police AS13 data and Neighbourhood Safety Warden incident reports. As front line officers they will quickly identify emerging trends, hotspot locations and perpetrators responsible. As a result, the team play a crucial role in the Active Intelligence Mapping (AIM) process where officers are often identified as "problem owners" due to their co-ordinated multi-agency approach when

tackling the issues. This in essence is a huge part of Operation Endurance.

Following the information, the following areas were discussed:

- Use of SMART water- codes linked to an officer and under UV light, the unique code is identified (this would be address with Cleveland Police)
- Identification of individuals (clothing/ different processes)- further information to be provided by Cleveland Police
- Education to young people- Cleveland Fire brigade- school liaison officers provide sessions to show the risks of riding off road bikes.
- Continue to push messages through social media for the public to report off road bikes.
- Would be wonderful if all bikes could be registered to an address, however this may not be possible.
- Hot spots and AIM- motorcycle riders are asked to remove their helmet in petrol station forecourts.
- Many residents like to remain anonymous, which is fine, however council do like to provide feedback / action undertaken to residents.
- Cleveland Online report APP (COPA)- a free app where off road bikes can be reported,
- Section 59 warning signs and effects of this.

The panel were encouraged by the information provided and looked forward to receiving further information from Cleveland Police at the next meeting.

AGREED- That the information be noted.

22/12 CHAIR'S OSB UPDATE

The Chair provided a verbal update in relation to topics covered at the Overview and Scrutiny Board meeting on 21 September 2022.

Following on from the discussion, a Board member queried the development in Grove Hill from Thirteen. The Democratic Services officer would enquire and the member would be informed accordingly.

AGREED – That the update be noted.

22/13 FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME

The Chair invited the Democratic Services officer to discuss the future work programme, the following points were made:

1. The topic on Offroad bikes would be concluded at the next meeting - 17 November 2022.
2. A visit to the Northern School of Arts (Middlesbrough campus) had been arranged for Thursday 24 November 2022 at 1pm. This would be hosted by the Principle (Further Education) and Vice Principle (Externality and external relations. The Panel would be joined by the Deputy Head of Culture and the Executive Member for Culture and Communities.
3. The second topic agreed for the municipal year had been the Impact of private rented properties on owner occupied properties. The panel were advised that although Selective Landlord Licensing say under the Regeneration

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Directorate, housing matters fit under the Adult Social Care. It was agreed that this would be discussed with the member who had put forward the suggestion and if required, a request to undertake a joint scrutiny panel investigation could be considered.

4. The Panel considered the next topic of investigation and it was proposed to look at the museum service and how it supports our communities. A detailed project report outlined would be brought to the next meeting (17 November 2022) and the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Board contacted to seek approval of the topic.
5. The Panel's statutory responsibility to be updated on PREVENT and Channel would also be discussed at the next meeting (17 November 2022)

AGREED- That the above points be noted and progressed.

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ANY OTHER URGENT ITEMS WHICH IN THE OPINION OF THE CHAIR, MAY BE CONSIDERED.

PREVENT update for Scrutiny November 2022

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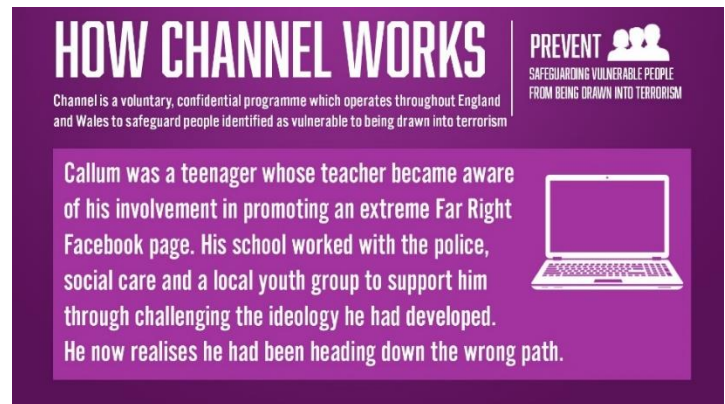
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Prevent & CHANNEL

- Prevent is a safeguarding approach designed to safeguard those vulnerable in our communities from exploitation by extremists for their own ideological purposes which can result in involvement in crime.

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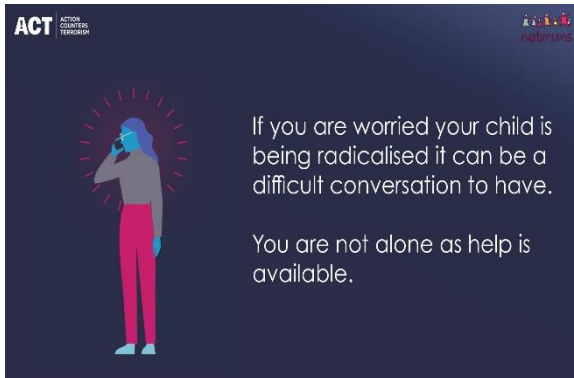
- PREVENT and the safeguarding component CHANNEL is voluntary and only works with consent of the vulnerable person at risk and takes a person centred approach in helping the individual address vulnerabilities and increase their resilience against the hateful extremist influence.



Local Authority Response

- Middlesbrough Operational PREVENT Group
- Action plans designed to reduce the risk by increasing communities' resilience and awareness
- Training and awareness raising
- Promotion of the safeguarding nature of PREVENT

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Middlesbrough Operation Group

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- Middlesbrough Operational group is a multi agency group combining local authority departments working with vulnerable services including YOS, children's social care, adult social care and external organizations including educators such as Middlesbrough college working together to deliver a partnership approach of PREVENT
- The group develop and lead on action plans each year designed to promote risk awareness to professionals and others who support/care for those vulnerable in our communities whilst promoting the safeguarding nature of PREVENT.
- In addition to Scrutiny the work and actions of PREVENT are also overseen by:
 - CQC
 - Ofsted
 - Office of the Policing Crime Commissioner
 - Community Safety Partnership

Recent Sample Actions

- Safer giving campaign
- Working with a Local College around community cohesion conversations and work using the Lets Discuss campaign material
- Promotion of the Act early campaign in different languages
- Support third sector providing referral pathways, home office eLearning and team briefings on prevent and promotional material for Act early and IREPORTit
- Providing resources to professionals working with high risk groups around online risk and media literacy
- Adapting communication plans for responses post a terrorist incident to promote the safeguarding ethos of PREVENT and other resilience skills
- Prevent roadshows promoting digital resilience and awareness of PREVENT
- Supporting School designated safeguarding leads in respect to PREVENT and other safeguarding concerns through awareness raising
- Assisting youth commissioned services with suitable youth based products designed to promote online reputation, gaming and privacy
- Xmas digital resilience campaigns.
- Numerous PREVENT awareness sessions for professionals
- Held Prevent roundtable events by sector including faith and health.
- Joint social media campaign to promote prevent and online resilience with Newcastle Council
- Continued support to national campaign Real Stories

Example Project-Friends and Family

A recent project was to support the national campaign promoting the Netmums/Counter Terrorism Policing focus on raising parents/carers awareness of the online risk and having engaging conversations with young people to keep them safe.

Numerous Actions were completed included:

- Internal briefings and internal communications messages across the LA and to professionals working with vulnerable client groups
- Promotion products provided to hubs and libraries to promote physically and through social media audiences
- Promotion through the PREVENT twitter account
- Organised GP practice promotion to incorporate Netmums/Act early campaign
- Promoted generic social media product through partners social media accounts
- Arranged for poster campaigns to be disseminated to external and internal partners
- Shared resources to FE and Third Sector for further promotion



Contribution to a Cleveland Approach

Middlesbrough chaired the first year (2020-21) of the Cleveland PREVENT leads project and led on the following initiatives to help promote the safeguarding ethos of prevent and has continued to contribute as a member in 2021-2022

- Promotion product for Act Early for all FE Colleges
- Joint social media product for promotion of the safeguarding ethos of PREVENT using national and local products for all 4 LA's
- Ensuring all 4 LA's hosted gateways on their websites for reporting to CTIRU (In progress)
- Various products for LA staff to raise awareness of PREVENT including team briefings and signposting products for specific departments to online resilience products
- Led on a roadshow on online resilience focusing on online gaming commencing in Middlesbrough and moving throughout the 4 authorities
- Provided Notice check and share training to safeguarding leads across the 4 authorities



Training & Support

The PREVENT lead provides training and support to internal departments on their statutory duty, commissioned services and the third sector on a variety of aspects including:

- Communication of new and emerging concerns and vulnerabilities
- Delivery of face to face training and guidance
- Advice on appropriateness of referrals
- Support on embedding processes for PREVENT/CHANNEL
- Provision and support of delivery of Home office e learning products relating to both PREVENT and CHANNEL
- Direct support to children/Adult Safe guarding/Children missing in education/VENT and other services working with high risk categories

Training and Support

The PREVENT lead supports all schools in Middlesbrough providing:

- WRAP 3 training (minimum 1 DSL per school)
- Provision of all suitable and relevant products for PREVENT and associated PREVENT products such as Digital resilience products for young persons
- Provision of Written guidance for schools related to safeguarding concerns regarding PREVENT
- Provision of face to face and virtual PREVENT training and written guidance for school governors
- Advice and guidance to schools in partnership with MBC safeguarding lead & DFES Regional PREVENT lead to schools on PREVENT related issues

Awareness raising

- A large proportion is raising professionals awareness of the agenda not only within the authority but externally with third sector and partners as many do not understand the safeguarding nature of PREVENT.

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Interventions include awareness sessions with schools, community groups, commissioned services, third sector training, social media campaigns on debunking myths and misinformation around the agenda and promotion of its safeguarding ethos.

- Working with schools we have been also able to work with parents around themes which relate to PREVENT to increase resilience which include online risk, isolation and feelings of disempowerment which are aspects hateful extremists would seek to target to exploit in those most vulnerable.

CHANNEL

- CHANNEL across Cleveland is bespoke as our regional figures are low in comparison to other areas.
- The CHANNEL panel is a safeguarding meeting of multi disciplinary professionals whom all work towards assisting the vulnerable young person or adult build their resilience against the extremist narrative whilst addressing any vulnerabilities they may have
- CHANNEL operates on a consensual basis and consent must be sought from the individual
- The type of support available through CHANNEL is wide-ranging, and can include help with education or careers advice, dealing with mental or emotional health issues, or digital safety training for parents; it all depends on the individual's needs.

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