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Date of meeting Wednesday, 27th September, 2017

Time 7.00 pm

Venue Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Merrial Street,

Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, ST5 2AG

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Cleaner Greener and Safer Communities Scrutiny Committee

AGENDA

PART 1- OPEN AGENDA

- 1 APOLOGIES
- 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations of interest from Members on items included in the agenda.

3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(Pages 3 - 4)

To receive the minutes of the previous meeting of this Committee.

4 TO DISCUSS THE ISSUES SURROUNDING TRAVELLER INCURSIONS INCLUDING OPTIONS FOR THE REMOVAL OF LITTERING, ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, WELFARE ISSUES AND LEGAL PROCESSESS

(Pages 5 - 50)

- (a) Protocol
- (b) Legal Process
- 5 WORK PLAN

(Pages 51 - 54)

To discuss and update the work plans to reflect current scrutiny topics

6 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Any member of the public wishing to submit a question must serve two clear days' notice, in writing, of any such question to the Borough Council.

7 URGENT BUSINESS

Britain in Bloom:
National Winner 2005
Silver Gilt Medal 2009
Regional Winner
2003, 2004, 2008,
2009, 2010
Gold Award Winner
2002 - 2010

To consider any business which is urgent within the meaning of Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members: Councillors Burgess (Vice-Chair), Dillon, P Hailstones, Jones, Mancey, Naylon

(Chair), Panter, Reddish, Snell, Sweeney and G Williams

'Members of the Council: If you identify any personal training / development requirements from the items included in this agenda or through issues raised during the meeting, please bring them to the attention of the Committee Clerk at the close of the meeting'

FIELD_TITLE

Agenda Item 3

Classification: NULBC UNCLASSIFIED

Cleaner Greener and Safer Communities Scrutiny Committee - 27/07/17

CLEANER GREENER AND SAFER COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Thursday, 27th July, 2017 Time of Commencement: 7.00 pm

Present:- Councillor Wenslie Naylon – in the Chair

Councillors Burgess, Mancey, Panter and Sweeney

Officers Jayne Briscoe - Scrutiny Officer

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Dillon, Jones, Reddish and G Williams.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest stated.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 1 March 2017 be

agreed as a correct record.

4. REPORT ON SUBWAYS

The Chair presented the final report on the condition of subways in the Borough and members commented and approved the contents prior to submission to the Cabinet.

Staffordshire County Council had accepted that the Enderley Street Subway was in a very poor condition. A possible solution offered may be to gate it off although an estimate of usage of the subway against the pelican crossing was required as a first step.

(Councillor Panter left the meeting at this point).

It was suggested that, where appropriate, sponsorship from the nearby supermarkets be sought and that their logo could be incorporated into the design of the subway artwork. In this respect and in order to attract sponsorship members requested that Staffordshire County Council be asked to give an estimate of the cost of ongoing cleaning together with the one off cost to bring appropriate subways up to a standard which would attract investment in sponsorship.

Members discussed using a team from the probation service to carry out the task of repainting the subways and it was agreed that, as a first step, funding for a day's trial be requested.

Agreed That, with the inclusion of all the recommendations as set out above and in the body of the report, the final report be submitted to Cabinet.

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5. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

6. **UGENT BUSINESS**

There was no Urgent Business.

7. WORK PLAN

Members of the Scrutiny Committee considered the work programme for the forthcoming year and it was agreed :-

- To scrutinise the operation of the waste and recycling service
- Review the Councils enforcement procedure relating to traveller incursions including litter and fly tipping
- Review Town Centre CCTV
- Examine the impact on overnight charging on Council owned car parks
- Examine the impact of the introduction of the parking restrictions at the Lyme Valley Parking
- Scrutinise the air quality in the vicinity of Newcastle Bus Station
- Review the cloth nappy service

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 4 OCTOBER 2017

The date of the next scheduled meeting is 4 October, 2017

COUNCILLOR WENSLIE NAYLON Chair

Meeting concluded at 8.30 pm

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PROTOCOL FOR DEALING WITH UNAUTHORISED GYPSY AND TRAVELLER ENCAMPMENTS

APRIL 2014

Revision 1 February 2015



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NEWCASTLE PARTNERSHIP

PROCEDURES FOR UNAUTHORISED GYPSY/TRAVELLER ENCAMPMENTS

| No | INFORMATION ACTION | DONE | | | |
|----|--|------|--|--|--|
| 1 | Receive information about location of a new encampment (this could be | | | | |
| | received by any partner via contact centre or directly to individual partner | | | | |
| | officer) | | | | |
| | Notify partners on contact list (contact centre) | | | | |
| | Establish who landowner is believed to be and notify partners on | | | | |
| | contact list (contact centre) | | | | |
| | Do quick initial visit to confirm location/numbers (landowner and police) | | | | |
| | Carry out quick risk assessment in respect to location & land (landowner | | | | |
| | and police) | | | | |
| 2 | Return to office and notify partners on contact list to inform them of the | | | | |
| | situation & location for visits- see contact sheet | | | | |
| 3 | Establish and confirm who the landowner is and make contact - council (4) | | | | |
| | or private (7) – police to make contact | | | | |
| 4 | BOROUGH COUNCIL LAND | | | | |
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- d Give bin bags as emergency measure for the Travellers to collect their rubbish, agree where they should be placed.
 - Sketch/photograph the location of the trailers on the land, highlighting possible hazards i.e. roads, canal, COMA area, & hidden areas for dumping.
 - Photograph the area on first visit for case file and decision matrix

5 ON RETURN TO THE OFFICE

- Speak to the council regarding a rubbish collection, inform Travellers of date (Streetscene/Park Attendants)
- Arrange for other agencies to visit the site if required education, health, homelessness, Animal Welfare, ICCM, RSPCA, Environment Agency (waste carrying licences – ensure all relevant parties are on contact list)
- Set up a case file for ALL documentation to be collated this is to include: all complaints, welfare check details, visits, post code, map & photos
- Check ALL details where possible i.e. Education, Health, other authority's/Police to see if they have had this group before. If they are here for a wedding/baptism, check with the church.
- Update the appropriate partners about the issues from the welfare checks (contact list)

6 <u>DECISION MATRIX</u>

- This process needs to be reviewed on a weekly basis based on information from the Community Management team & conditions on the encampment
- In some circumstances it may be more appropriate to call an emergency meeting to discuss the issues
- Each partner to fill in appropriate section of the matrix
- Send all information to the LA lead officer (Community Manager) for decision on either: -

(NB – in Newcastle, the eviction option will be the norm. It is unlikely that acceptance/toleration will ever be the chosen option on parks and open spaces land).



'Acceptance/toleration' * **Eviction** а Arrange for toilets & bins Start legal process Continue to visit & monitor Sign Travellers up for these & recover costs (weekly) Attend court Visit the site every day when Liaise with the Police & court possible. bailiffs Regularly take photos - monitor site Update lead officer & partners weekly Follow NBC policy in respect of worker safety – as documented in risk assessment for unauthorised encampments. No lone worker visits should be made. Use protective devices e.g. Identicom where appropriate, visit in pairs etc. Arrange visits with staffs police where appropriate. Record threats and abuse. **Police Intervention** In the following circumstances, the police(Senior Police Officer) may utilise their powers under Section 61of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act to direct the travellers to leave the site without reference to the courts: The travellers have caused damage to the land or property The travellers have used threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour to the landowner, employee or agent There are 6 or more vehicles on the land * First notice should always be served in case the Police need to use their powers quickly (the land owner needs to have asked the Travellers to leave for this to happen). A welfare assessment also must have been carried out. Email partners about the decision & keep them updated regularly (contact b list) – consider media release if appropriate Update ALL documentation daily with information from site visits, families С arriving or leaving, anti-social behaviour, complaints and press coverage.



(Newcastle has a spreadsheet for this – attach as appendix)

LAND VACATED

- Complete encampment file with summary sheet
- Email partners to inform them the Travellers have left
- Contact neighbouring authorities and police forces to inform that travellers may be entering area (see contact list)
- Ensure land is cleared after eviction
- Are there any preventative measures to stop trespass in the future?
- Partners to consult regarding any environmental measures that can be implemented and record outcome (this can be by email) – see page 20/21

7 PRIVATE LAND

The authority has no influence on the private landowner in regards to 'acceptance' or eviction, but it is good practice to make contact with the land owner, because: -

- Liaison officer may know the group and be able to negotiate their stay
- Help with community tensions, preventing any incidents occurring
- Liaise with other agencies
- Advise to seek legal advice

Where occupation is on land owned by Staffordshire County Council within the borough of Newcastle-under-Lyme, officers from Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council will undertake steps 1, 2, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c and 4d on behalf of Staffordshire County Council.

<u>NB</u> – This protocol, including known unauthorised encampment sites and contact details for partners, will be reviewed every 12 months or sooner if necessary.



CONTACT LIST – ENCAMPMENTS

| NAME | JOB TITLE | SERVICES | EMAIL | PHONE |
|--------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|---|--------------|
| Out of Hours Contact Centre | | Various Services | controlcentre@cannockchasedc.gov.uk | 01543 574480 |
| Steve Middlehurst | Community Manager | Operations Service | steve.middlehurst@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk | 01782 717717 |
| David Beardmore | Environmental Health Team Manager (Dog and Pest Control) | Environmental Health Services | david.beardmore@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk | 01782 717717 |
| Rebecca Cooper | Solicitor | Legal Services | rebecca.cooper@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk | 01782 717717 |
| Mike O'Connor | Housing Manager | Housing Services | mike.oconnor@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk | 01782 717717 |
| Nigel Gardner | Environmental Health Team Manager (Licensing and Enforcement) | Environmental Health Services | nigel.gardner@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk | 01782 717717 |
| Paul Pickerill | Streetscene Manager | Operations Service | paul.pickerill@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk | 01782 717717 |
| Dave Morgan | Park Attendant Officer | Operations Service | david.morgan@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk | 01782 717717 |
| Phil Jones | Head of Communications | Communications Service | phil.jones@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk | 01782 717717 |



| ag | Officer | | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| Φ Rosie Bloor | Customer and ICT Business Manager | Customer Services | rosie.bloor@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk | 01782 717717 |
| Mark Barlow | Local Inspector | Police – Inspector | Mark.barlow@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk | 101 |
| John Hughes | Sergeant | Police - Sergeant | John.hughes@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk | 101 |
| Samantha Ferguson | Communications Officer | Police - Communications | Samantha.Ferguson@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk | 101 |
| Kevin Danks | Estates & Valuation Manager | Staffordshire County Council | kevin.danks@staffordshire.gov.uk | 01785 277702 |
| Chris Evans | Landscape Architect | Staffordshire County Council | chris.evans@staffordshire.gov.uk | 01785 277460 |
| | Health Services | North Staffordshire PCT | | 0845 602 6772 |
| | Housing Needs | Newcastle Housing Advice | | 01782 635200 |
| | Highways Officer | Staffordshire County Council | highways@staffordshire.gov.uk | 0300 111 8000 |
| | Animal Welfare | Staffordshire County Council | animal.health@staffordshire.gov.uk | 01785 277875 |
| | | | | Pager number 08448 222888 and quote: 839677. |
| | Education Services | West Midlands Consortium Education Service for Travelling Children Staffordshire County Council | | 01902 714 646 |
| | Social Services | Staffordshire County Council | | 01782 296005 |









| Force | Phone Contact | Name Contact | Email Contact |
|----------------|-------------------------|---|---|
| West Midlands | 0345 113 5000 or 101 | Force Contact Centre | fib@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk |
| Warwickshire | 101/01926415000 | Force Control Room | force.control@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk |
| West Mercia | 0300 333 3000 | Operational Control Centre - Force Duty Inspector | DL-OCC@westmercia.pnn.police.uk, fib@westmercia.pnn.police.uk |
| Leicestershire | 101 | Lee Bedford (Traveller SPOC) | Lee.Bedford@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk and fib@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk |
| Derbyshire | 101 | Force Contact Centre | force.control@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk |
| Cheshire | 101 | FIB | fib@cheshire.pnn.police.uk |

Consisting NULBC PROTECT Organisational



| Local Authority | Contact |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Lichfield District Council | lichfieldconnects@lichfielddc.gov.uk |
| Tamworth District Council | debbie-lewis@tamworth.gov.uk |
| | joanne-shaw@tamworth.gov.uk |
| | tracey-yeomans@tamworth.gov.uk |
| | stephen-lewis@tamworth.gov.uk |
| Cannock Chase District Council | customerservices@cannockchasedc.gov.uk |
| South Staffordshire Council | s.gilbert@sstaffs.gov.uk |
| | k.riley@sstaffs.gov.uk |
| | info@sstaffs.gov.uk |
| Stoke City Council | rob.senior@stoke.gov.uk |
| Staffordshire County Council | matthew.gratton@staffordshire.gov.uk |
| Stafford Borough Council | info@staffordbc.gov.uk |
| Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council | customerservices@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk |



NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council CODE OF CONDUCT



When unauthorised encampments happen on Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council's land, the council will:

- Visit the site and assess the Gypsies and Travellers needs
- Offer appropriate advice and assistance
- Identify issues which could arise through its occupation

The information gathered will be independently reviewed, and used to determine whether enforcement action is appropriate. It will be shared with other agencies where it is lawfully appropriate to do so.

Gypsies and Travellers must:

- Not cause damage to the land itself, including landscaping, trees or shrubs planted on it, or to any property or structures on the land, including walls, fences or gates.
- Not cause obstruction to public highways or public rights of way
- Not drop litter or dispose of waste and rubbish on or around the site, or discharge waste into watercourses
- Not engage in threatening or antisocial behaviour
- Not interfere with electricity, water or gas supplies
- Not allow animals to roam, and must remove animal waste

Gypsies and Travellers are expected to respect the local community and the local environment.

Criminal activity will always be reported to the police.



NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL

UNAUTHORISED TRAVELLER ENCAMPMENTS

LIST OF KNOWN SITES WHERE UNAUTHORISED ENCAMPMENTS OCCUR

| SITE | WARD | OWNER | PREVENTATIVE MEASURES | COMMENT |
|---|--------------|-------------|--|----------------|
| Bathpool Park (Peacocks Hay) | Ravenscliffe | NuLBC | Overhead gantry, trip rail | |
| Birchenwood | Ravenscliffe | NuLBC | Boulders, barrier, trip rail, mounding | |
| Long Lane open space | Newchapel | NuLBC | Overhead gantry, fencing | |
| Little Chef A34 | Talke | Private | Boulders | |
| A34 Talke – highway verge | Talke | SCC | Bollards | |
| Jamage Industrial Estate | Talke | Private | Unknown | |
| Red Hall Lane | Halmerend | Private | None | Unadopted road |
| Chatterley Valley – highway verge | Bradwell | SCC | Mounding | |
| High Carr open space | Bradwell | NuLBC | Gate | |
| Chemical Lane Industrial Estate | Bradwell | Private/SCC | Unknown | |
| High Carr Farm | Chesterton | Private | Gate | |
| Parkhouse (various businesss premises) | Chesterton | Private | Unknown | |
| Rowhurst Close Industrial Estate | Chesterton | Private/SCC | Ditching | |
| Crackley Bank open space | Chesterton | NuLBC | Ditching | |
| Sheldon Grove open space | Holditch | NuLBC | Ditching | |
| Apedale Country Park | Holditch | NuLBC | Barriers, boulders | |
| Loomer Road Stadium | Holditch | Private | Barrier | |
| Loomer Road open space | Holditch | NuLBC | Mounding | |
| Lymedale – Pitgreen Lane | Holditch | SCC | None | Public highway |



| SITE | WARD | OWNER | PREVENTATIVE MEASURES | COMMENT |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Lymedale – New Look | Holditch | Private | Unknown | |
| Former Friendly Hotel A34 | Holditch | Private | Unknown | |
| Wolstanton Marsh | Wolstanton | Duchy of Lancaster | None | Common land |
| ASDA | Wolstanton | Private | Barrier, width restriction | |
| Etruria Way Industrial Estate | May Bank | Private | Gates | |
| Cotswold Avenue | Cross Heath | NuLBC | Barrier | |
| Lower Milehouse Estate | Cross Heath | Aspire Housing/SCC | Mounding | |
| The Wammy | Cross Heath | NuLBC | Overhead gantry, trip rail | |
| Car Park at Ashfields New Road | Cross Heath | Private | Concrete bollard/barrier | |
| Cemetery Road – highway verge | Silverdale and Parksite | SCC | None | Public highway |
| Cemetery Road – former Fowlers Garage | Silverdale and Parksite | Private | Barriers | |
| Maries Way – business premises | Silverdale and Parksite | Private | Mounding | |
| Racecourse open space | Silverdale and Parksite | NuLBC | Gates, railings | |
| Field off Keele Road | Keele | Private | Gate | |
| Lyme Valley – Lyme Valley Road | Town | NuLBC | Overhead gantry, railings, gates | |
| Morrisons | Town | Private | Barriers | |
| Goose Street Car Park | Town | NuLBC | None | Public car park |
| Former Bristol Street Motors | Town | Private | Gates, railings | |
| Former St Giles and St Georges School site, Barracks Road | Town | NuLBC/SCC | Gates/walls | |
| King Street Car Park | Town | NuLBC | Height barrier | |
| Lyme Valley – Lilleshall Road | Clayton | NuLBC | Trip rail | |



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|---|-----------|------------|--------------------|--|
| Lyme Valley – | Clayton | Newcastle | Barrier, trip rail | |
| Newcastle | | Rugby Club | | |
| Rugby Club | | | | |
| Wye Road | Seabridge | NuLBC | Mounding proposed | |
| Kingsbridge Avenue open | Seabridge | NuLBC | None | |
| space | | | | |

Classification: NULBC **PROTECT** Organisational

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Classification: NULBC **PROTECT** Organisational **RECORD OF GYPSY AND TRAVELLER ENCAMPEMENT WITHIN BOROUGH** (LOG NUMBER

| Date Arrived | | | |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------|--|
| Location | Address | | |
| Repeat visit (when last visited) | Date | | |
| Communication with Ward Cllr | Names and dates | | |
| Communications with residents | Names telephone no |)S | |
| Communication with Police | Name | | |
| Number of vehicles and caravans | Number of vehicles | Number of Caravans | |
| Date Issued first notice | Date and comments | | |
| Date issued Court su Date and comments | mmons on site | | |



| assification: NULBC PRO | |
|--|---------------------------------|
| Court Date | Location and time |
| Bailiffs appointed | Date and comments |
| Date gypsy's left site | Comments |
| Estimate to clean site | Comments and estimate |
| Estimate to secure site against further gypsy access | Comments and estimate |
| Commencement of preventative works | Comments and date of completion |

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BOROUGH COUNCIL OF NEWCASTLE UNDER LYME

UNAUTHORISED OCCUPATION SOCIAL ASSESSMENT

LOCATION ADDRESS

DATE

Map or Photo where available



SECTION A: Site Assessment

| Part 1. LOCATION | |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Site Location | Proximity of nearest dwelling |
| Normal use / intended purpose of site Ownership Usage | |

| Site Damage Boundary inc site security Surface (green paths at a) | No of Animals | |
|---|---|--|
| Surface (grass, paths etc) Planting (trees & shrubs) Structures & Buildings | Other | |
| Waste on Land Litter | Equipment in use Generators | |
| Fly tip / commercial waste | Gas CylindersCommercial activity | |
| Vehicles on site (see also vehicle log) Number of vehicles | | |

| Po | tential for Disturbance / Nuisance |
|-----|--|
| • | Noise (inc source) |
| • | Smoke/fume/odour |
| Dis | sruption to normal site use |
| • | |
| Po | tential for Public Order issues |
| • | |
| Re | instatement Works |
| • | Removal of litter |
| • | Removal of human waste |
| • | |



SECTION B: Welfare Enquiry: Needs Assessment

| Part 1. GI | ENERAL INF | ORN | MATION | | | | |
|--|---|---------------------------|-----------------|---|--------------|-------|---------------------|
| Date Instructed to Assess | | | Date of Asses | Date of Assessment Visit | | Othe | er agency attending |
| Location of Encampment | | | | | Date of Arri | val | |
| | | | | | Method of a | ccess | |
| Group Origin: | Traditional | I | Irish Traveller | New | Age Travelle | . - | ther: hich? |
| Reason for occupation | Passing Through Employment Local to County Visiting Relatives Wedding Funeral Christening Other | | | | | | |
| Number of Caravans | | Number of Families | | Anticipated length of stay / planned departure date | | | |
| Number of adults in Group by Sex Male | | Male | | | Fem | ale | |
| Number of ch by Sex and A | ildren in Group ge Group | Male | 9 | 0-5 | 6 | -10 | 11-16 |
| Female | | nale | 0-5 | 6 | -10 | 11-16 | |

| Part 2. HEALTH NEEDS | | | b | 0.0770 |
|--|---------|---------|---------------|----------------------|
| http://www.northstaffords Are any of the adult females in the group pregnant and if so how many and stage of pregnancy | | | 6 to 9 months | Confinement imminent |
| Do any members of the group require medical treatment on a regular basis | Details | | | |
| Has any member of the group sought and received emergency medical treatment since arriving at this location | Details | | | |
| Do you require the se Visitor and/or Nurse at this location | | icailli | ES/NO | |



| If YES for what specific | Details |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| II TEO IOI WITAL Specific | Details |
| purpose i.e. advice on | |
| purpose i.e. advice on | |
| inoculations, general | |
| inoculations, general | |
| health/nutrician advice etc | |
| Health/Huthician advice etc | |

| Do you or any member of your of a Social Worker for your | our group require the services group at this location | YES/NO |
|---|--|--------|
| If YES for what particular need i.e. guidance, advice etc | Details | |

| Part 4. EDUCATION NEEDS West Midlands Consortium Education Service for Travelling Children. Telephone | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--|--|
| 01902 714 646 | II Education Service for Trav | ching Children. Telephone | | |
| Do you or any member of you | our group reuqire the services | YES/NO | | |
| Travellers Education Servi | | | | |
| If YES, for what purpose i.e. children and or adult educational needs | Details | | | |
| Are any of the children in school | Name of School | Names of children | | |

| Do you or any member of your group reugire the services | | YES/NO |
|---|---------------------|--------|
| of the | | |
| Local Authority Housing Te | am at this location | |
| If YES for what particular | Details | |
| need i.e. guidance, advice | | |
| etc | | |
| Housing Advice | | |
| Service? | | |
| | | |

| Part 6. OTHER AGENCY | / NEEDS | |
|---|------------------|--------|
| Do you or any member of your group reuqire the services | | YES/NO |
| of Another Agency at this lo | ocation (Which?) | |
| If YES which agency and | Details | |
| for what particular need | | |
| (i.e. guidance, advice etc) | | |
| | | |
| | | |

PART 7. NEEDS SUMMARY

Further Information / Support $\underline{\text{Requested}}$ by the Travellers following welfare enquiry

- Health (Part 2)
- Social Services (Part 3)
- Education (Part 4)
- Housing (Part 5)
- Other Agencies (Part 6)



| Part 8. EVICTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT |
|---|
| Are there any health issues indicated why this group/individual should not be evicted from |
| the land |
| |
| |
| Health Authority Report sought: Yes / No |
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| What impact do you consider an eviction will have on the Travellers' children's education |
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| Travellana Education Deport accepts Ven (No |
| Travellers Education Report sought: Yes / No |
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| Officer Completing | g Welfare Enquiry & Site Assess | ment: |
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| Name: Position: | Signature: | Date: |



SECTION C: Evidence Review & Eviction Decision

Taking into account: (from the Site Assessment)

- 1. The location of the encampment
- 2. The current condition of the site
- 3. The anticipated impact on the settled community (including potential public order issues, and details of complaints received)

And balancing these with: (from the welfare enquiry)

- 1. The size and ages of the traveller group
- 2. Their stated health needs
- 3. Their stated social needs
- 4. Their stated education needs
- 5. Their stated housing needs

I [Consider] / [Do Not Consider] that a Notice under **Section 77 Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994** should be issued. The notice should direct individuals to remove their vehicles and belongings and to leave highway land, or any land occupied without the consent of the landowner.

The **Human Rights Act** and the qualified rights under the **European Convention on Human Rights** have been taken into consideration. My decision is based on the information recorded in the form above.

| Signed: |
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| Designation: |
| An Officer of the Authority authorised to make the decision |
| Dated: |



VEHICLE LOG

| Date Observed | Registration Plate | Vehicle Description |
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SOCIAL ASSESSMENT REPORT

CHECK LIST

| | Requested (date) | Received (date) |
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| GENERAL INFORMATION | | |
| (Social Assessment – Parts 1-5) | | |
| STAFFORDSHIRE EDUCATION | | |
| AUTHORITY REPORT | | |
| HEALTH AUTHORITY REPORT | | |
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| SOCIAL SERVICES REPORT | | |
| DISTRICT COUNCIL HOUSING | | |
| DEPARTMENT REPORT | | |
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| ADDITIONAL INFORMATION | | |
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ACTION

Relevant Agencies informed of occupation as follows:

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| EDUCATION AUTHORITY | |
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| HEALTH AUTHORITY | |
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| SOCIAL SERVICES | |
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| OTHER (Please specify) | |

Request for further information from:-

| | Requested (date) | Received (date) |
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| EDUCATION DEPARTMENT | | |
| HEALTH AUTHORITY | | |



| SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT | |
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| HOUSING AUTHORITY | |
| OTHER (please specify) | |





Removal of Unauthorised Encampments from Council owned Land

Legal Duties of Local Authority

Gypsies and Travellers are a recognised ethnic group in the Race Relations Act 1976 (as amended 2000)

Local authorities have a statutory duty to promote race equality.

Consideration must also be given to The Human Rights Act 1998.

Background

Traditionally the Council has followed Part 55 of the Civil Procedure Rules in the County Court when dealing with unauthorised encampments. The attached flow chart (appendix 1) shows the process to be followed in summary it is as follows:-

When encampment arrives operational services attend to serve 24 hours' notice to leave and undertake a welfare assessment to see if there are any medical or other reasons why the encampment needs to remain in that location. If it does, depending on where the encampment is located a period of toleration may be considered.

If the encampment needs to be moved on quickly then an appointment would be made at the County Court to issue the papers and obtain a court date. The fee is £335. The papers would then be served on the travellers giving 2 clear days' notice of the Court date.

On the court date an order for possession would be requested. Generally the Travellers do not attend however on occasion they have attended when one of their group has been heavily pregnant and another elderly gentleman required to remain in the area to attend a specialist medical appointment. The Court then permitted a two week extension.

If the Court does grant the possession order forthwith this is then served on the Travellers and if they then do not leave a warrant is issued for the Court Bailiff to seek vacant possession.

'New' process followed

The most recent Borough Encampment was addressed using the Magistrates Court route under Section 78 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 – see flow chart (appendix 2) attached. As will be noted a number of the steps are the same as the County Court route, however there is no fee payable.

Once the S77 Notice (24 hour notice to leave) has been served and the encampment has not moved on an application is made to the Magistrates Court for an order requiring the removal of any vehicle

or other property from the land and any person residing in it. The Court will be asked to hear the application on the first available date (usually within one or two days) whilst there is no requirement to give two clear working days' notice of the court date, 'sufficient' notice must be given.

The relevant officer will need to take the oath and satisfy the court that the relevant notice and application have been served on the encampment.

If the Magistrates' Court grants the Order to the Council then the Council can on 24 hours' notice enter the land to execute the Order by entering the land and taking in relation to any vehicle or property to be removed in pursuance of the order such steps for securing entry and rendering it suitable for removal. This would mean either Council officers attending themselves to effect removal or instructing a private bailiff company which may incur expense.

It is also an offence if any person obstructs any person in the exercise of such power punishable by fine (on conviction). (App 3 & 4)

Other options:-

Police Powers under Criminal Justice and Public Order Act

Under Section 61 of the CJPOA if a senior police officer believes that two or more persons are trespassing on land and have caused damage to land or property or used threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour towards an employee or agent or have six or more vehicles on the land then he may direct those persons to leave and remove their vehicles or other property. (App 5)

Injunction

Another Local authority was successful in obtaining an injunction using is powers under S222 Local Government Act 1972 in relation to a specific area of land. However it needed a considerable amount of evidence (9 lever arch folders) that the encampments were having a detrimental effect on the inhabitants. They had experienced 110 unauthorised encampments in 15 months, up to 280 people, 69 caravans and dogs and horses. The Council had spent over £25k in clean-up costs.

An injunction in itself will not stop an unauthorised encampment. If an encampment sets up in breach of an injunction then an application for breach would need to be made to the County Court. Evidence of breach needs to be proved to the criminal standard of proof and even if a relatively quick return date can be obtained there is no guarantee it will be dealt with on that date or even before the encampment has moved on.

PSPO

These have previously been considered in terms of prohibiting the setting up of unauthorised encampments. The Equality Commission has expressed concerns about Local Authorities using such orders. They may be in conflict of the Local Authorities duty to facilitate the Gypsy and Traveller way

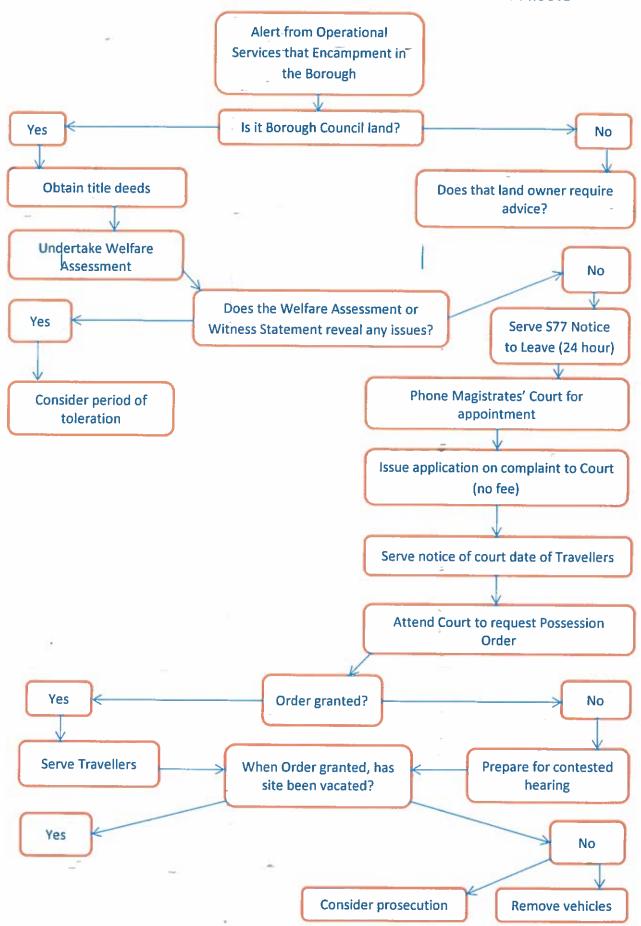
of life (as set out in the Race Relations Legislation) as PSPO's are enforced as criminal offence, therefore the encampments presence on land could lead to criminal action.

The Constitution

Under appendix 4 – Delegations (Miscellaneous) the Head of Business Improvement, Central Services and Partnerships has authority to secure the eviction of trespassers from Council land. (App 6)

FLOW CHART FOR UNAUTHORISED ENCAMPMENTS - COUNTY COURT ROUTE **Alert from Operational** Services that Engampment in the Borough Is it Borough Council land? Yes No Obtain title deeds Does that land owner require advice? Urdertake Welfare Assessment No Does the Welfare Assessment or Yes Serve 24 hour Witness Statement reveal any issues? notice to leave Consider period of **Phone County Court for appointment** toleration Attend Court to issue papers and obtain hearing date (£335 issue fee) Serve notice of court date of Travellers (2 clear working days) Attend Court to request Possession Order Yes No Order granted? Prepare for contested Serve Travellers When Order granted, has hearing site been vacated? Yes No **Instruct Bailiffs** Page 40

FLOW CHART FOR UNAUTHORISED ENCAMPMENTS - MAGISTRATES' COURT ROUTE





Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994

1994 CHAPTER 33

PART V

PUBLIC ORDER: COLLECTIVE TRESPASS OR NUISANCE ON LAND

Powers to remove unauthorised campers

77 Power of local authority to direct unauthorised campers to leave land.

- (1) If it appears to a local authority that persons are for the time being residing in a vehicle or vehicles within that authority's area—
 - (a) on any land forming part of a highway:
 - (b) on any other unoccupied land; or
 - (c) on any occupied land without the consent of the occupier,

the authority may give a direction that those persons and any others with them are to leave the land and remove the vehicle or vehicles and any other property they have with them on the land.

- (2) Notice of a direction under subsection (1) must be served on the persons to whom the direction applies, but it shall be sufficient for this purpose for the direction to specify the land and (except where the direction applies to only one person) to be addressed to all occupants of the vehicles on the land, without naming them.
- (3) If a person knowing that a direction under subsection (1) above has been given which applies to him—
 - (a) fails, as soon as practicable, to leave the land or remove from the land any vehicle or other property which is the subject of the direction, or
 - (b) having removed any such vehicle or property again enters the land with a vehicle within the period of three months beginning with the day on which the direction was given,

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he commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

- (4) A direction under subsection (1) operates to require persons who re-enter the land within the said period with vehicles or other property to leave and remove the vehicles or other property as it operates in relation to the persons and vehicles or other property on the land when the direction was given.
- (5) In proceedings for an offence under this section it is a defence for the accused to show that his failure to leave or to remove the vehicle or other property as soon as practicable or his re-entry with a vehicle was due to illness, mechanical breakdown or other immediate emergency.
- (6) In this section-

"land" means land in the open air;

"local authority" means-

- (a) in Greater London, a London borough or the Common Council of the City of London;
- (b) in England outside Greater London, a county council, a district council or the Council of the Isles of Scilly;
- (c) in Wales, a county council or a county borough council;

"occupier" rson entitled to possession of the land by virtue of an estate or interest held by him;

"vehicle" includes-

- (a) any vehicle, whether or not it is in a fit state for use on roads, and includes any body, with or without wheels, appearing to have formed part of such a vehicle, and any load carried by, and anything attached to, such a vehicle; and
- (b) a caravan as defined in section 29(1) of the MI Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960;

and a person may be regarded for the purposes of this section as residing on any land notwithstanding that he has a home elsewhere.

(7) Until 1st April 1996, in this section "local authority" means, in Wales, a county council or a district council.

Annotations:

Marginal Citations

M1 1960 c. 62.



Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994

1994 CHAPTER 33

PART V

PUBLIC ORDER: COLLECTIVE TRESPASS OR NUISANCE ON LAND

Powers to remove unauthorised campers

78 Orders for removal of persons and their vehicles unlawfully on land.

- (1) A magistrates' court may, on a complaint made by a local authority, if satisfied that persons and vehicles in which they are residing are present on land within that authority's area in contravention of a direction given under section 77, make an order requiring the removal of any vehicle or other property which is so present on the land and any person residing in it.
- (2) An order under this section may authorise the local authority to take such steps as are reasonably necessary to ensure that the order is complied with and, in particular, may authorise the authority, by its officers and servants—
 - (a) to enter upon the land specified in the order; and
 - (b) to take, in relation to any vehicle or property to be removed in pursuance of the order, such steps for securing entry and rendering it suitable for removal as may be so specified.
- (3) The local authority shall not enter upon any occupied land unless they have given to the owner and occupier at least 24 hours notice of their intention to do so, or unless after reasonable inquiries they are unable to ascertain their names and addresses.
- (4) A person who wilfully obstructs any person in the exercise of any power conferred on him by an order under this section commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

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- (5) Where a complaint is made under this section, a summons issued by the court requiring the person or persons to whom it is directed to appear before the court to answer to the complaint may be directed—
 - (a) to the occupant of a particular vehicle on the land in question; or
 - (b) to all occupants of vehicles on the land in question, without naming him or them.
- (6) Section 55(2) of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 (warrant for arrest of defendant failing to appear) does not apply to proceedings on a complaint made under this section.
- (7) Section 77(6) of this Act applies also for the interpretation of this section.

Annotations:

Marginal Citations

MI 1980 c. 43.



Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994

1994 CHAPTER 33

PART V

PUBLIC ORDER: COLLECTIVE TRESPASS OR NUISANCE ON LAND

Powers to remove trespassers on land

61 Power to remove trespassers on land.

- (1) If the senior police officer present at the scene reasonably believes that two or more persons are trespassing on land and are present there with the common purpose of residing there for any period, that reasonable steps have been taken by or on behalf of the occupier to ask them to leave and—
 - (a) that any of those persons has caused damage to the land or to property on the land or used threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour towards the occupier, a member of his family or an employee or agent of his, or
 - (b) that those persons have between them six or more vehicles on the land, he may direct those persons, or any of them, to leave the land and to remove any vehicles or other property they have with them on the land.
- (2) Where the persons in question are reasonably believed by the senior police officer to be persons who were not originally trespassers but have become trespassers on the land, the officer must reasonably believe that the other conditions specified in subsection (1) are satisfied after those persons became trespassers before he can exercise the power conferred by that subsection.
- (3) A direction under subsection (1) above, if not communicated to the persons referred to in subsection (1) by the police officer giving the direction, may be communicated to them by any constable at the scene.

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- (4) If a person knowing that a direction under subsection (1) above has been given which applies to him—
 - (a) fails to leave the land as soon as reasonably practicable, or
 - (b) having left again enters the land as a trespasser within the period of three months beginning with the day on which the direction was given,

he commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or a fine not exceeding level 4 on the standard scale, or both.

- |F1(4A) Where, as respects Scotland, the reason why these persons have become trespassers is that they have ceased to be entitled to exercise access rights by virtue of—
 - (a) their having formed the common purpose mentioned in subsection (1) above; or
 - (b) one or more of the conditions specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of that subsection having been satisfied,

the circumstances constituting that reason shall be treated, for the purposes of subsection (4) above, as having also occurred after these persons became trespassers.

- (4B) In subsection (4A) above "access rights" has the meaning given by the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 (asp 2).]
- F2(5).....
 - (6) In proceedings for an offence under this section it is a defence for the accused to show
 - (a) that he was not trespassing on the land, or
 - (b) that he had a reasonable excuse for failing to leave the land as soon as reasonably practicable or, as the case may be, for again entering the land as a trespasser.
- (7) In its application in England and Wales to common land this section has effect as if in the preceding subsections of it—
 - (a) references to trespassing or trespassers were references to acts and persons doing acts which constitute either a trespass as against the occupier or an infringement of the commoners' rights; and
 - (b) references to "the occupier" included the commoners or any of them or, in the case of common land to which the public has access, the local authority as well as any commoner.
- (8) Subsection (7) above does not-
 - (a) require action by more than one occupier; or
 - (b) constitute persons trespassers as against any commoner or the local authority if they are permitted to be there by the other occupier.
- (9) In this section-
 - IF3. common land" means
 - (a) land registered as common land in a register of common land kept under Part 1 of the Commons Act 2006; and
 - (b) land to which Part 1 of that Act does not apply and which is subject to rights of common as defined in that Act;]

"commoner" means a person with rights of common as defined in section 22 of the MICommons Registration Act 1965;

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="land" does not include-

- (a) buildings other than-
 - (i) agricultural buildings within the meaning of, in England and Wales, paragraphs 3 to 8 of Schedule 5 to the M2Local Government Finance Act 1988 or, in Scotland, section 7(2) of the M3Valuation and Rating (Scotland) Act 1956, or
 - (ii) scheduled monuments within the meaning of the M4Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979;
- (b) Jand forming part of-
 - (i) a highway unless [F4it is a footpath, bridleway or byway open to all traffic within the meaning of Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, is a restricted byway within the meaning of Part II of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000]or is a cycle track under the M5Highways Act 1980 or the M6Cycle Tracks Act 1984; or
 - (ii) a road within the meaning of the M7Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 unless it falls within the definitions in section 151(2)(a)(ii) or (b) (footpaths and cycle tracks) of that Act or is a bridleway within the meaning of section 47 of the M8Countryside (Scotland) Act 1967;

"the local authority", in relation to common land, means any local authority which has powers in relation to the land under section 9 of the Commons Registration Act 1965;

"occupier" (and in subsection (8) "the other occupier") means—

- (a) in England and Wales, the person entitled to possession of the land by virtue of an estate or interest held by him; and
- (b) in Scotland, the person lawfully entitled to natural possession of the land; "property", in relation to damage to property on land, means—
- (a) in England and Wales, property within the meaning of section 10(1) of the M9Criminal Damage Act 1971; and
- (b) in Scotland, either-
 - (i) heritable property other than land; or
 - (ii) corporeal moveable property,

and "damage" includes the deposit of any substance capable of polluting the land;

"trespass" means, in the application of this section-

- (a) in England and Wales, subject to the extensions effected by subsection (7) above, trespass as against the occupier of the land;
- (b) in Scotland, entering, or as the case may be remaining on, land without lawful authority and without the occupier's consent; and

"trespassing" and "trespasser" shall be construed accordingly;

"vehicle" includes-

- (a) any vehicle, whether or not it is in a fit state for use on roads, and includes any chassis or body, with or without wheels, appearing to have formed part of such a vehicle, and any load carried by, and anything attached to, such a vehicle; and
- (b) a caravan as defined in section 29(1) of the M10 Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960;

and a person may be regarded for the purposes of this section as having a purpose of residing in a place notwithstanding that he has a home elsewhere.

SPECIFIC FUNCTIONS

MISCELLANEOUS

| | FUNCTION | EXERCISED BY |
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| (1) | Appointment of Chief Executive | Full Council |
| (2) | Appointment of Executive Directors | Chief Officers Appointments, Review and Appeals Committee |
| (3) | Appointment of staff below level of Executive Director and above Grade 12 | Chief Officers Appointments, Review and Appeals Committee |
| (4) | Appointment of staff in Grade 12 and below | Chief Executive or appropriate Executive |
| (5) | Acceptance of tenders subject to financial provision having been made | Cabinet or Chief Executive or Executive Director in accordance with Financial Regulations and Contract Rules |
| (6) | Dealing with matters as items of urgency (i.e. non-agenda items) unless two or more Members disagree (by standing and voting against such motion) | All Committees |
| (7) | To determine matters in respect of Internal Audit and risk | Audit & Risk Committee |
| (8) | Seeking planning permission | Cabinet |
| (9) | Determination of bus fare allowance payable to employees | Executive Director (Resources and Support Services) |
| (10) | Action (including briefs to Counsel) which the Chief Executive or Head of Business Improvement, Central Services and Partnerships considers necessary to protect or defend the Council where complaints are made or action brought or threatened against it including compromises and including payments of money including those arising from Ombudsman or other complaints and the withdrawal of action in the interests of the Council | Chief Executive or Head of Business Improvement, Central Services and Partnerships |
| (11) | To issue a formal caution as an alternative to prosecution | Head of Business Improvement, Central Services and Partnerships |
| (12) | To authorise the issue of a Closure Notice and take all other action in respect of premises associated with persistent disorder or nuisance | Chief Executive or Head of Business Improvement, Central Services and Partnerships |
| (12) | To authorise proceedings for an Anti-social Behaviour Order and to respond to consultation in respect of anti-social behaviour | Chief Executive or Head of Business Improvement, Central Services and Partnerships |

| (14) | To authorise proceedings for breach of an Anti-social Behaviour Order | Chief Executive or Head of Business Improvement, Central Services and Partnerships |
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| (15) | To give a consent under Section 31 of the Anti-social Behaviour act 2003 to an authorise to disperse groups and remove persons under 16 to their place of residence | Chief Executive |
| (16) | Closure of noisy premises under the Anti-social Behaviour Act 2003 | Chief Executive (including the power to designate officers for the purpose) or appropriately qualified and appointed Environmental Health Officers |
| (17) | Action to secure the eviction of trespassers from Council land | Head of Business Improvement, Central Services and Partnerships |
| (18) | To procure goods and services within existing agreed budget provisions and in accordance with Standing Orders | Chief Executive and all Executive Directors or Head of Business Improvement, Central Services and Partnerships |
| (19) | To carry on tendering and negotiation procedures in accordance with the Council's Rules | Chief Executive or appropriate Executive Directors or Head of Business Improvement, Central Services and Partnerships |
| (20) | To accept any tender ** This is currently under review | Cabinet = |
| (21) | Implementation of national wage and salary awards | Chief Executive |
| (22) | To make appointments to all committees other than the Cabinet to give effect to the rules of political balance | Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the appropriate political group |
| (23) | To approve small grants in accordance with the Terms of Reference (98/07) | Grants Assessment Panel |
| _(23) | To act on behalf of the Council in any matters relating to applications for grant funding | Chief Executive and all members of Executive Management Team |



CLEANER, GREENER AND SAFER COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

| Date of Meeting | Item | Reason For Undertaking |
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| 29th June 2015 (agenda dispatch 19th June 2015) | The Council's Role in Emergency Planning | Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council is part of Staffordshire Resilience Forum (SRF), bringing together all the emergency responders in Staffordshire. All Members are to be made aware of their roles and responsibilities in the event of a major incident or disruption to Council services |
| | Local Government Association Peer Review of Decision Making Arrangements | To advise Members on the recommendations of the LGA Peer Review and to request feedback on the recommendations |
| | Work Plan and Scrutiny Topics for 2015/2016 | To discuss the work plan and potential topics that Committee Members would like to scrutinise over the forthcoming year |
| 7th October 2015 (agenda dispatch 25th September 2015) | Portfolio Holder(s) Question Time (Portfolio Holders for Operational Services & Communities and Social Cohesion) | An opportunity for the Committee to question the Portfolio Holder on her priorities and work objectives for the next 6 months and an opportunity to address any issues or concerns that she may currently be facing. It is an opportunity for the Portfolio Holder to flag up areas within her remit that may benefit from scrutiny in the future |

| 7th October 2015 (agenda dispatch 25th September 2015) | Abandoned Buildings within the Borough | Abandoned buildings represent waste, financial expense and missed opportunity. They can blight communities, attract fly tipping, vandals and squatters and tie up the resources of the Council and the emergency services. Committee would like to receive a report on what powers the Council has, to take action against the owners of abandoned buildings, the number of abandoned buildings the Council is aware of and what action has been taken, to date, to deal with them |
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| | Revised Local Bus Network | Members have raised concern over the revised local bus network in Newcastle which came into effect on 6th September 2015. The Managing Director of First Midlands will be in attendance |
| | Fly Posting Policy | To receive an update from the Streetscene Manager (Development and Enforcement) on how the Fly Posting Policy is managed through Operational Services |
| | Work Plan and Scrutiny Topics for 2015/2016 | To discuss the work plan and potential topics that Committee Members would like to scrutinise over the forthcoming year |
| 23rd November 2015 (agenda dispatch 13th November 2015) | Revised Local Bus Network | Members received clarification from the Managing Director of First Midlands at the last meeting but wished for the Cabinet Member for Town Centres, Property and Business to attend to respond to further concerns |
| | Decriminalised Car Parking | Lee Barnard, TMA Assurance Manager, Staffs. County Council will be attending to present the principles of decriminalised parking enforcement (DPE) carried out by Civil Enforcement Officers, operating on behalf of either a local authority or a private firm |
| | Portfolio Holder Question Time - (Portfolio Holder for Communities and Social Cohesion) | An opportunity for the Committee to question the Portfolio Holder on his priorities and work objectives for the next 6 months and an opportunity to address any issues or concerns that he may currently be facing. It is an opportunity for the Portfolio Holder to flag up areas within his remit that may benefit from scrutiny in the future |
| | Work Plan and Scrutiny Topics for 2015/2016 | To discuss the work plan and potential topics that Committee Members would like to scrutinise over the forthcoming year |

| 2nd March 2016 (agenda dispatch 19th February 2016) | Staffordshire Bus Subsidies | To scrutinise the subsidies then report back the findings to Staffordshire County Council with a request for them to be revised |
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| | Annual Review of Scrutiny Committee's work | To evaluate and review the work undertaken during 2015/2016 |
| 30th June 2016 (agenda dispatch 22nd June 2016) | Work Plan and Scrutiny Topics for 2016/2017 | Committee to discuss and agree future topics for Scrutiny |
| | A review of zero tolerance enforcement | |
| 12th October 2016 | Investigation into the condition of subways in the Borough | |
| 24th November 2016 | Consultation on Open Space and Green Infrastructure Strategy | To contribute to the Strategy |
| 21st December 2016 | Recycling Service - Scrutiny of the Independent Review of the Implementation of the Service | |
| 1st March 2017 | Work Plan and Scrutiny Topics for 2017/2018 | |
| | Draft report on Subways Investigation | |
| 27th July 2017 | Final Report - Subways | Committee to agree the final report on Subways for submission to Cabinet |
| Special meeting | Traveller Incursions | Member request at Council |
| 4th October 2017 | Examination of the air quality vicinity of Newcastle bus station | Member request from the Chair |
| | Review of the Cloth Nappy Service | Member request |
| | Review of the Council's Waste and Recycling Service | Member request |

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| 28th February 2018 | Impact of overnight charging on Council-owned car parks | Member request |
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| | Impact of the introduction of parking restrictions on the Lyme Valley | Member request |
| 27th July 2018 | | |