

*Report on Subways - Recommendations*

1 Engage further 'community payback' teams to start on a publicly visible and ongoing approach to cleaning off graffiti Ask partner organisations (see Section 1) for their experience with these initiatives indicating successes and limitations .Police Commissioner's Proceeds of Crime and People Power Funds may offer routes forward

2 Safer Routes to School initiative of the County Council could be seen as a driver to improving the environment of identified relevant arms of subways. No parent wants to be explaining offensive drawings and words on subways to children on their way to school. County Council to be engaged with this with a view to funding clean up schemes

3 Drains need more frequent suction. Responsibility and process mechanisms to be identified clearly and on a proper maintenance programme to be agreed between NBC and SCC Together with an agreed cleaning maintenance and renovation programme

5 Develop the idea of paid for advertising panels; this had been mooted by the County's portfolio holder as something to be trialled in Stafford. An example was cited; Newcastle College might wish to publicise courses in the subway arm nearest to it and where student footfall was at its highest. It could be that the college itself could fund or get sponsors for such an installation

6 Build on the popular 'Art in Subways' NBC/BID could work jointly to gain funding

7 Some subways could be gated off entirely. Start the process of identification. Whilst this is a costly process in the long term, it is a logical step and plans should be drawn up and agreed between NBC and SCC identifying where closure could take place, and what alternatives can be made available for pedestrians such as Pelican Crossings

8 The offer from the portfolio holder Councillor Mark Deaville at SCC to be taken up and agreed for the first of regular quarterly meetings An agenda item for the first meeting to be: discussion of County handing over responsibility and funding for complete maintenance of subways to the Borough Council

9 Council's website to allow reporting by members of the public on subway 'issues'

10. Probation Service Offer (Under discussion at present)