

Brief for Scrutiny – Re-location of the Magistrates Court

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| Topic to be scrutinised Whether the re-location of the Magistrates Court in Fenton to Newcastle will impact negatively on Newcastle Town Centre and to scrutinise the security measures put in place to offset crime and disorder |
| Questions to be addressed <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Whether CCTV will be installed near the court?2. Whether the area near the court will be specifically policed?3. Are all parties fully aware of the impact of the move on the Town? |
| Outcomes <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. There is a clear opportunity for suggestions to be put forward as to how to ensure the area surrounding Newcastle Court is monitored2. An understanding and appreciation of the Town Centre area3. An understanding of the benefits of CCTV coverage4. An appreciation of the potential crime and disorder occurring on Newcastle Town Centre as a result of this move |
| Background materials none |
| Evidence and witnesses <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Portfolio Holder for Safer, Stronger Communities2. Representatives from Staffordshire Police3. Representatives from Newcastle Borough Council |
| Method of scrutiny <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. It is suggested that the role of the Cleaner, Greener Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee is to continue its existing role in terms of scrutiny but receives ongoing updates (verbal or written) on progress of this situation |
| Timetable Fenton Magistrates court will move to Newcastle court in November 2012. All criminal cases will be dealt with at Newcastle and the civil cases will be heard at Stafford court |
| Constraints This move will go ahead in November regardless, however there could be representation from this group to the court to ensure adequate security measures are put in place to manage the likely increase in crime and disorder |
| Members to undertake the scrutiny Members of the Cleaner, Greener Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee |

Support

Head of Business Improvement & Partnerships
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Newcastle Borough Council Corporate Plan Priority area (s)

- Creating a cleaner, safer and sustainable Borough

CfPS Objectives:

- Drives improvement in public services
- Enables the voice and concerns of the public to be heard
- Safer, Stronger Communities

Brief approved by Cleaner, Greener Safer Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee

Signed
Date