



To be submitted to the Council at its meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## **PORTFOLIO HOLDER - SAFER AND STRONGER COMMUNITIES**

**18<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 5.45 p.m.**

### **Present:**

Councillor Shepherd (in the Chair)

### **Officers in attendance:**

- Neil Clark (Regulatory Services Strategic Lead)
- Paul Condon (ASB Team Manager)
- Sophie Pickerden (Committee Support Officer)
- Keith Thompson (Lead Solicitor)

### **Also in attendance:**

- Zoe Campbell (Scrutiny and Committee Advisor)

There were no members of the press and one member of public present.

### **PH.SSC.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence for this meeting.

### **PH.SSC.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received in respect of any item on the agenda for this meeting.

### **PH.SSC.3 PETITION – REQUESTING ACTION REGARDING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN BEESON STREET, GRIMSBY**

The Portfolio Holder received a petition from the West Marsh Development Trust requesting that action take place regarding anti-social behaviour on Beeson Street, Grimsby.

Mr Burley spoke on behalf of the West Marsh Development Trust. He explained that the anti-social behaviour was being carried out by a group of residents who had decided to use Beeson Street to work on their cars and other cars. Mr Burley highlighted that some action had taken place in the area including an action day which was attended by the Humberside Police in partnership with the DVLA. Mr Burley explained that as a result of that action day, some vehicles were removed from the street and the issue did stop for a while. Mr Burley stated that the issue had now returned.

The portfolio holder sought clarification on whether the perpetrators were residents of Beeson Street. Mr Burley stated that they were. The portfolio holder asked Mr Clark to outline action that had been taken by officers.

Mr Clark confirmed that he was aware of the issues referred to in the petition. He said that it was clear that there had been breaches of operating car repairs on the street, which was not permitted. Mr Clark stated that following receipt of the petition, he organised a multi-agency meeting to understand the situation. Mr Clark stated that in the last year, the environmental enforcement team had received four complaints, two were for abandoned vehicles or repairs on the road and two were for fly tipping in the area. Mr Clark stated that the reports regarding car repairs being undertaken on the road had been closed following engagement with the individuals. Mr Clark confirmed that fixed penalty notices had also been issued for repairing cars on the street and that there was a joint action day with the DVLA in April 2023 in which three vehicles were removed from the street. Mr Clark reassured Mr Burley that officers were listening to concerns and taking appropriate action.

The portfolio holder sought clarification on what happened to the vehicles seized by the DVLA. Mr Clark responded that to his knowledge they had been crushed. The portfolio holder asked Mr Clark to discuss action being taken in Beeson Street regarding other anti-social behaviour issues.

Mr Clark outlined action that had been taken and said that the Street Cleansing Team had offered to do a deep clean of the street but would need the community to co-operate as the vehicles would need moving.

Mr Burley agreed that he would speak to the Community Centre Manager about the potential of a deep clean of the street.

The portfolio holder asked Mr Condon to outline any actions taken by the Anti-Social Behaviour Team in relation to Beeson Street.

Mr Condon explained that a member of his team regularly attended meetings at the centre and confirmed that there had been an upgrade to the CCTV in the area and that there had not been any anti-social behaviour reports received by his team regarding Beeson Street.

The portfolio holder was concerned that no complaints had been made to the police using the emergency number, noting that Safer Streets 3 had

been a success and that the legacy of that initiative had been the improved relationship with the police.

Mr Clark agreed that he would work with Mr Condon and provide monthly updates to go to the West Marsh Forward meetings.

The portfolio holder offered to attend a West Marsh Forward meeting if the group wanted to speak to him.

RESOLVED – That the petition be received.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.12pm.