

To: Chair and Members of the Police Authority Operational Policing Panel

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Presenting Officer: Norman Wright

Status : For noting.

Comprehensive Area Assessment (Oneplace)

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Members of the 2009 area assessments for Middlesbrough, Stockton, Hartlepool and Redcar & Cleveland that were published on the Audit Commission Oneplace website in December 2009.

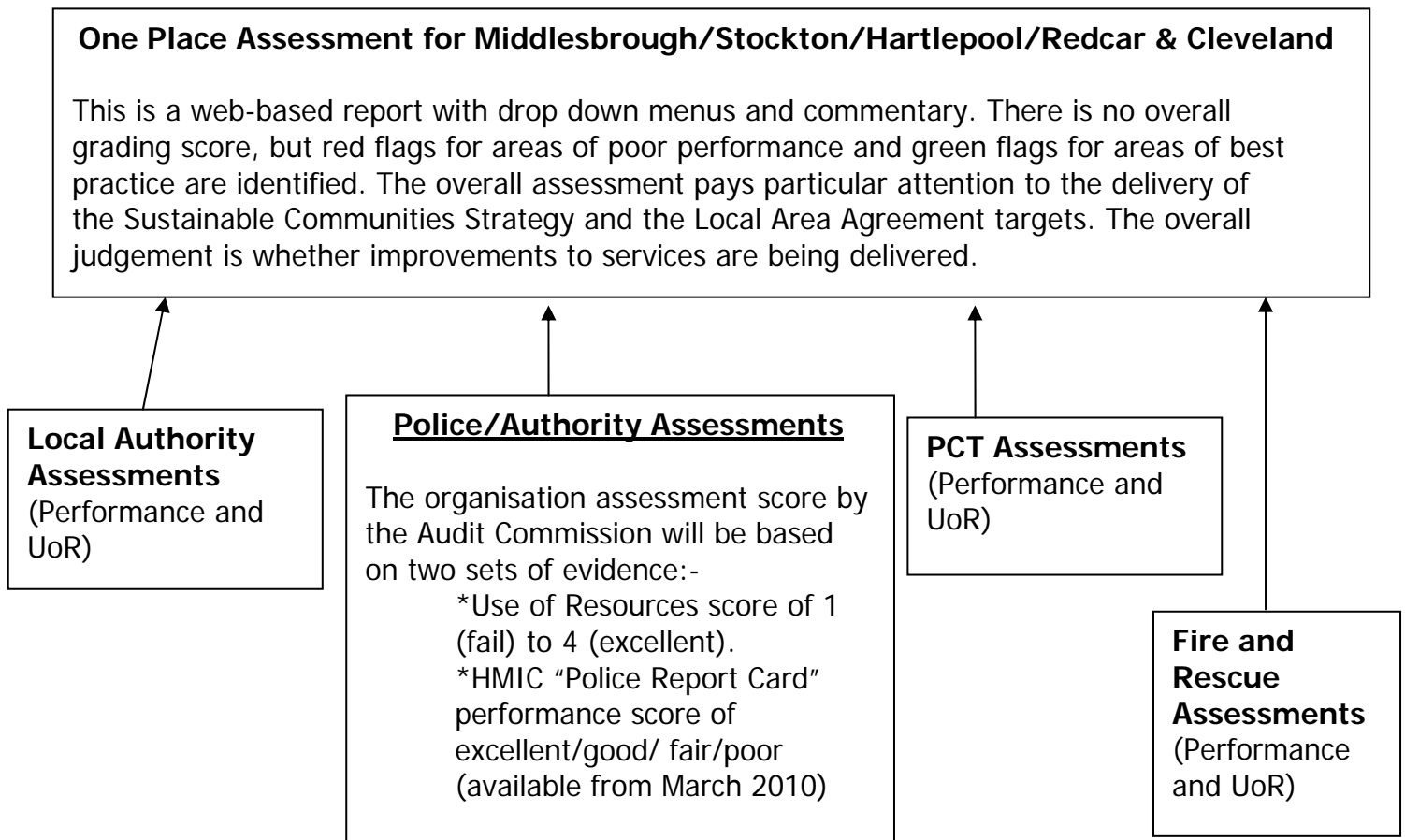
2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that members note the contents of this report.

3. Reasons

- 3.1 The White Paper Strong and Prosperous Communities, published in October 2006 set out a wide range of proposals for improving local services. A key part of these proposals was the new performance assessment framework, Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA), to be introduced from 2009.
- 3.2 The Comprehensive Area Assessment, or One Place Assessment, is a new way of assessing local public services in England. It examines how well councils are working together with other public bodies to meet the needs of the people they serve. It's a joint assessment made by a group of six independent watchdogs, led by the Audit Commission, and including HMIC. It covers 152 areas in England.
- 3.3 Assessments will occur every year and provide an annual snapshot of quality of life in the area. The first results are now available on the new **Oneplace** website which was launched on Wednesday 9 December 2009. Appendix A summarises the assessments for Middlesbrough, Stockton, Hartlepool and Redcar & Cleveland, focusing on the themes of safer communities and children & young people.

- 3.4 There are 2 levels of assessment – the area assessment and the partner assessment:



- 3.5 The assessments cover all themes of service delivery that are coordinated by the local authorities through the Local Strategic Partnerships. This generally covers the themes of safer communities, stronger communities, health and wellbeing, children and young people and the environment/ regeneration. The partnerships have developed Local Area Agreements (LAA) with the Government Office to focus on improving the outcome of services delivery within each of these service themes, and the Oneplace assessment details the performance for these LAA measures, where information is available. Since each area can choose a different set of local priorities for its LAA, the results are not always comparable between areas. Another issue is that not all priority indicators have scores within the assessments, with many marked as "not calculated". This is probably due to the relative newness of the measures and data.
- 3.6 The overall area assessment is not specifically graded, but it does identify "green flags" for areas of exceptional performance and "red flags" for areas of poor performance. This is only relevant for Hartlepool, which has a red flag against community wellbeing with reference to the provision of alcohol services by partners. Alcohol is seen as one driver behind the relatively poor health and poor life expectancy of the population of Hartlepool, and the partnership is tasked to commission new alcohol services in 2010 to help tackle this problem.

- 3.7 The assessments for the 4 areas in our sub-region are in some ways similar. There is a theme of relative deprivation that manifests itself in poor health and a shorter life expectancy. Problems of obesity and heavy drinking are highlighted. However, there is praise for the improvements in public safety as crime has been reduced and public confidence increased. Generally the partners work well together to improve the service outcomes for local people.
- 3.8 Members may wish to pay particular attention to the area assessments relating to creating safer communities and supporting children and young people, as these are directly related to the work of the Community Safety Partnerships and the Children's Trust Boards on which they may sit.

4. Implications

Finance

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising out of this report.

Diversity/Equal Opportunities

- 4.2 There are no direct diversity and equal opportunities implications arising out of this report.

Sustainability

- 4.3 The services provided by partnerships are commented upon within One Place assessment, with the direction of travel for services indicating the sustainability of these services.

Risk

- 4.4 There are continued risks that poor performance by partnerships may reflect on the performance of the police force and authority, which emphasises the requirement for both force and authority to maintain effective participation in partnership working.

Human Rights

- 4.5 There are no direct human rights implications within this report.

9. Conclusions

- 9.1 The assessments for the 4 local areas covered present a mixture of problems being experienced in those areas and positive steps being taken by partners to improve the service outcomes and standards for people in those areas. Most of the areas have problems with deprivation and associated health problems, but there is generally strong partnership working and service improvements being experienced, particularly in the safer community area, with recent reductions in crime and ASB, and associated improvements in safety. It is noteworthy that the only red flag identified is for alcohol services in Hartlepool, although that area generally has strong and effective partnership working.

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App A: Comprehensive Area Assessments (Oneplace) 2009

Middlesbrough

About Middlesbrough

The population is 139k with 7.5% BME. It is the 9th most deprived district in England. Over the last 20 years the employment pattern has shifted from industrial to services. More people state that Middlesbrough is a good place to live, with 71% believing that people from different backgrounds get on well together in their local area.

Partner Assessments

<u>Partner</u>	<u>Managing Performance</u>	<u>Use of Resources</u>
Council	3/4	3/4
Fire Authority	3/4	2/4
PCT	Good	3/4
Police/ Authority	Not assessed	2/4

Creating Safer Communities Assessment

Crime is high and has been a problem for a long time, but this is reducing and people are less worried about crime. The police and council understand people's fears and are taking action to target areas where there is high crime and ASB. Domestic violence and alcohol misuse are problems.

Supporting Children and Young People Assessment

The overall health of children is a serious problem, but things are improving. The Partnership has brought about some real improvements in recent years, making things better for children and young people's health and education as well as creating opportunities to have fun and stay out of trouble.

Priority Indicators for Crime and Disorder and Children and Young People, as Reported

<u>Indicator</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Travel</u>
NI 4 Residents believe they can influence decisions affecting their area	In best 20%	Not calculated
NI 15 Serious violent crime rate	Average	Not calculated
NI 16 Serious acquisitive crime rate	In worst third	Not calculated
NI 17 Perception of anti-social behaviour	27%, In worst	Not calculated

	third	
NI 18 Adults under probation re-offending	In best 20%	Deteriorating
NI 19 Re-offending rate for young offenders	Not Calculated	Not calculated
NI 20 Assault with injury crime rate	Not calculated	Not calculated
NI 30 Re-offending rate for PPO	Not calculated	Not Calculated
NI 32 Repeat incidents of domestic violence	Not calculated	Not calculated
NI 33 Arson incidents	Not calculated	Not calculated
NI 38 Drug related (class A) offending rate	Not calculated	Not calculated
NI 39 Hospital admissions for alcohol	In worst 10%	Deteriorating
NI 56 Obesity in year 6	In worst 20%	Deteriorating
NI 79 Level 2 qualified by age 19	In worst 20%	Improving
NI 111 First time entrants into youth justice system	In worst 10%	Not calculated
NI 112 Change in under 18 conception rate	In worst 25%	Deteriorating
NI 115 Substance misuse by young people	9%, in best third	Not calculated
NI 117 16-18 year olds not in education, training or employment	10.5%, in worst 10%	Improving
Ni 144 Offenders through probation in employment	In worst 10%	Deteriorating

Green Flags – Exceptional Performance

No green flags identified

Red Flags – Significant Concerns

No red flags identified

Stockton

About Stockton

The population is 191k and rising, with 5% BME. There is a mixture of affluent areas and severely disadvantaged areas. The borough has varied its employment base over recent years. 73% of people think that people from different backgrounds get on well together in their local area.

Partner Assessments

<u>Partner</u>	<u>Managing Performance</u>	<u>Use of Resources</u>
Council	3/4	4/4
Fire Authority	3/4	2/4
PCT	Fair	3/4
Police/ Authority	Not assessed	2/4

Creating Safer Communities Assessment

The area is becoming safer and crime is lower than in similar areas in England. People believe that the police and local authority are dealing with their concerns. The incidence of domestic violence has increased recently.

Supporting Children and Young People Assessment

The Children's Trust and Stockton Renaissance are doing well at improving the achievements and the well-being of children and young people. Children do well at school. GCSE results have improved and are in line with national averages. More young people than before in the Borough are going on to higher education.

Priority Indicators for Crime and Disorder and Children and Young People, as Reported

<u>Indicator</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Travel</u>
NI 5 Overall/general satisfaction with the local area	77.8%	Not calculated
NI 15 Serious violent crime rate	In best 20%	Not calculated
NI 17 Perception of anti-social behaviour	22.5%, average	Not calculated
NI 33 Arson incidents	Not calculated	Not calculated
NI 38 Drug related (class A) offending rate	Not calculated	Not calculated
NI 40 Drug users in effective treatment	In best 25%	Not calculated
NI 56 Obesity in year 6	20%, average	deteriorating
NI 63 Stability of placements – looked after children	73.2%	Improving

NI 80 level 3 qualified by age 19	48.7%	Improving
NI 110 Young people's participation in positive activities	65%	Not calculated
NI 111 First time entrants into youth justice system	Not calculated	Not calculated
NI 112 Change in under 18 conception rate	In worst 10%	Deteriorating
NI 117 16-18 year olds not in education, training or employment	10.5%	Deteriorating
NI 162 Learners achieve level 3 qualifications in numeracy		Improving

Green Flags – Exceptional Performance

No green flags identified.

Red Flags – Significant Concerns

No red flags identified.

Hartlepool

About Hartlepool

The population is 90k of which 1% is BME. There has been significant regeneration of the town over the last 20 years and partners are working well with local people in their communities. 76.5% of people express overall general satisfaction with their local area and 69.6% of people believe that people of different backgrounds get on well in their local area. This latter is a relatively low figure.

Partner Assessments

<u>Partner</u>	<u>Managing Performance</u>	<u>Use of Resources</u>
Council	3/4	3/4
Fire Authority	3/4	2/4
PCT	Good	3/4
Police/ Authority	Not assessed	2/4

Creating Safer Communities Assessment

Thanks to local services working together well there has been an improvement in people's safety. The Community Safety Partnership concentrates on improving the worst crime areas. Partners also target environmental improvements.

Supporting Children and Young People Assessment

More young people are working or training thanks to good partnership working. Children's achievements at school are improving, with the level of grades at age 16 and 19 comparing well to the national average. Teenage pregnancies are not reducing fast enough and there is an increase in childhood obesity.

Priority Indicators for Crime and Disorder and Children and Young People, as Reported

<u>Indicator</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Travel</u>
NI 15 Serious violent crime rate	Not calculated	Not calculated
NI 16 Serious acquisitive crime rate	Not calculated	Not calculated
NI 17 Perception of anti-social behaviour	20.5%	Not calculated
NI 19 Re-offending rate for young offenders	Not calculated	Not calculated
NI 20 Assault with harm injury rate	Not calculated	Not calculated
NI 30 Re-offending rate for PPO	Not calculated	Not calculated

NI 33 Arson incidents	Not calculated	Not calculated
NI 38 Drug related (class A) offending rate	Average	Not calculated
NI 110 Young people's participation in positive activities	70%	Not calculated
NI 111 First time entrants into youth justice system	Not calculated	Not calculated
NI 112 Change in under 18 conception rate	Average	Deteriorating
NI 116 proportion of children in poverty	Not calculated	Not calculated
NI 117 16-18 year olds not in education, training or employment	7.9%	Improving
NI 162 Learners achieve level 3 qualifications in numeracy	In worst 10%	Deteriorating

Green Flags – Exceptional Performance

No green flags identified

Red Flags – Significant Concerns

Health and wellbeing – tackling the harm caused by alcohol. People have worse health and die younger than average, which is related to lifestyle. Partners are not committed to new and better plans to improve alcohol services. However, new treatment services should be commissioned in 2010.

Redcar and Cleveland

About Redcar and Cleveland

There is a population of 140k, with just over 1% BME. Rural areas make up a significant part of the borough. People die younger and suffer more ill health than average owing to obesity and high levels of smoking and drinking. However, things are improving and people have better opportunities than most to influence the plans of partners that affect them. 69.6% of people believe that people from different backgrounds get on well together in their local area, which is relatively low

Partner Assessments

<u>Partner</u>	<u>Managing Performance</u>	<u>Use of Resources</u>
Council	3/4	2/4
Fire Authority	3/4	2/4
PCT	Good	3/4
Police Authority	Not assessed	2/4

Creating Safer Communities Assessment

Redcar and Cleveland has the lowest crime level for 10 years and people perceive a reduction in ASB. It is a safer place to live. Recently criminal damage reduced by a third when partners arranged additional activities for young people. The Community Safety Partnership has worked well to reduce the supply of drugs in the area.

Supporting Children and Young People Assessment

Local services are helping the children live more healthily and achieve better school results. Obesity levels and teenage pregnancies are falling; GCSE results are improving. Children's services are good at keeping children in care safe.

Priority Indicators for Crime and Disorder and Children and Young People, as Reported

<u>Indicator</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Travel</u>
NI 15 Serious violent crime rate	Not calculated	Not calculated
NI 16 Serious acquisitive crime rate	Not calculated	Not calculated
NI 17 Perception of anti-social behaviour	24.4%	Average
NI 19 Re-offending rate for young offenders	1.7%	Deteriorating
NI 20 Assault with injury crime rate	Not calculated	Not calculated
NI 30 Re-offending rate for PPO	Not calculated	Not calculated
NI 32 Repeat incidents of domestic violence	Average	Not calculated

NI 40 Drug users in effective treatment	In best 20%	Not calculated
NI 50 Emotional health of children	In best 20%	Not calculated
NI 55 Obesity amongst primary school children	10%	Improving
NI 63 Stability of placements – looked after children	46.8%	deteriorating
NI 65 2 nd time children with Child Protection Plan	9%	Improving
NI 69 Children who have experienced bullying	50%	Not calculated
Ni 110 Young people's participation in positive activities	67%	Not calculated
NI 112 Change in under 18 conception rate	Average	Deteriorating
NI 115 Substance misuse by young people	15%	Not calculated
NI 116 proportion of children in poverty	Not calculated	Not calculated
NI 117 16-18 year olds not in education, training or employment	12%, in worst 5%	Improving
NI 144 Offenders through probation in employment	30.8%	Improving

Green Flags – Exceptional Performance

No green flags identified.

Red Flags – Significant Concerns

No red flags identified.