





Stoke's Pioneering Approach to Tackling EnviroCrime

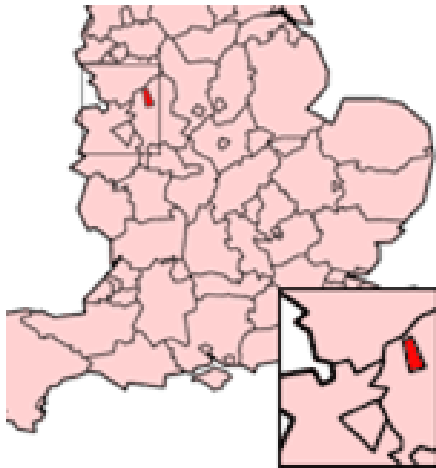
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WHERE are ya!



- City Status since 1910
- Six Towns
- 240,000 population
- Was famous for pottery industry and mining
- Regeneration a priority
- Mixed Politics
- New Chief Executive
- Systems Thinking
- 30% Council Cuts



WHO are ya!



- Employed by Stoke-on-Trent City Council for 14 years
- Have been:
 - ▶ **Temporary Food Safety Clerk**
 - ▶ **Health and Safety Clerk**
 - ▶ **Administration Officer for Health and Safety, Pollution Control, Dog Wardens, Environmental Protection and Pest Control**
 - ▶ **Public Health Officer**
 - ▶ **Licensing Officer**
 - ▶ **Principal Licensing Officer**
 - ▶ **Licensing Manager**
 - ▶ **Enforcement and Investigations Manager**





What is Enviro-Crime?

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- Where does the term come from?
- No legal definition (HoC report)
 - ▶ ***‘Environmental crime includes all offences either created by statute or developed under the common law that relate to the environment. The environment is, in simple terms, the surroundings in which we live’***
- Our definition of Enviro-Crime
 - ▶ **Noise Nuisance**
 - ▶ **Household and Trade Waste Duty of Care and Fly Tipping**
 - ▶ **Litter and Sources of Litter**
 - ▶ **Graffiti and Fly posting**
 - ▶ **Abandoned and Nuisance Parking**
 - ▶ **Dog Control Issues**
 - ▶ **Advertising, Defacements and Obstructions**
 - ▶ **...you could add to the definition if you could justify it**





Enviro-crime with Antisocial Behaviour Goggles

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- What is ASB?
- Linking ASB and Envirocrime
 - ▶ **National Indicator 21, 195 and 196**
 - ▶ **British Crime Survey**
 - ▶ **‘Broken Window’ Theory**
 - ▶ **ASB Delivery Plan**
 - ▶ **Police ‘Place Survey’ results**





How our journey began

The Journey Starts

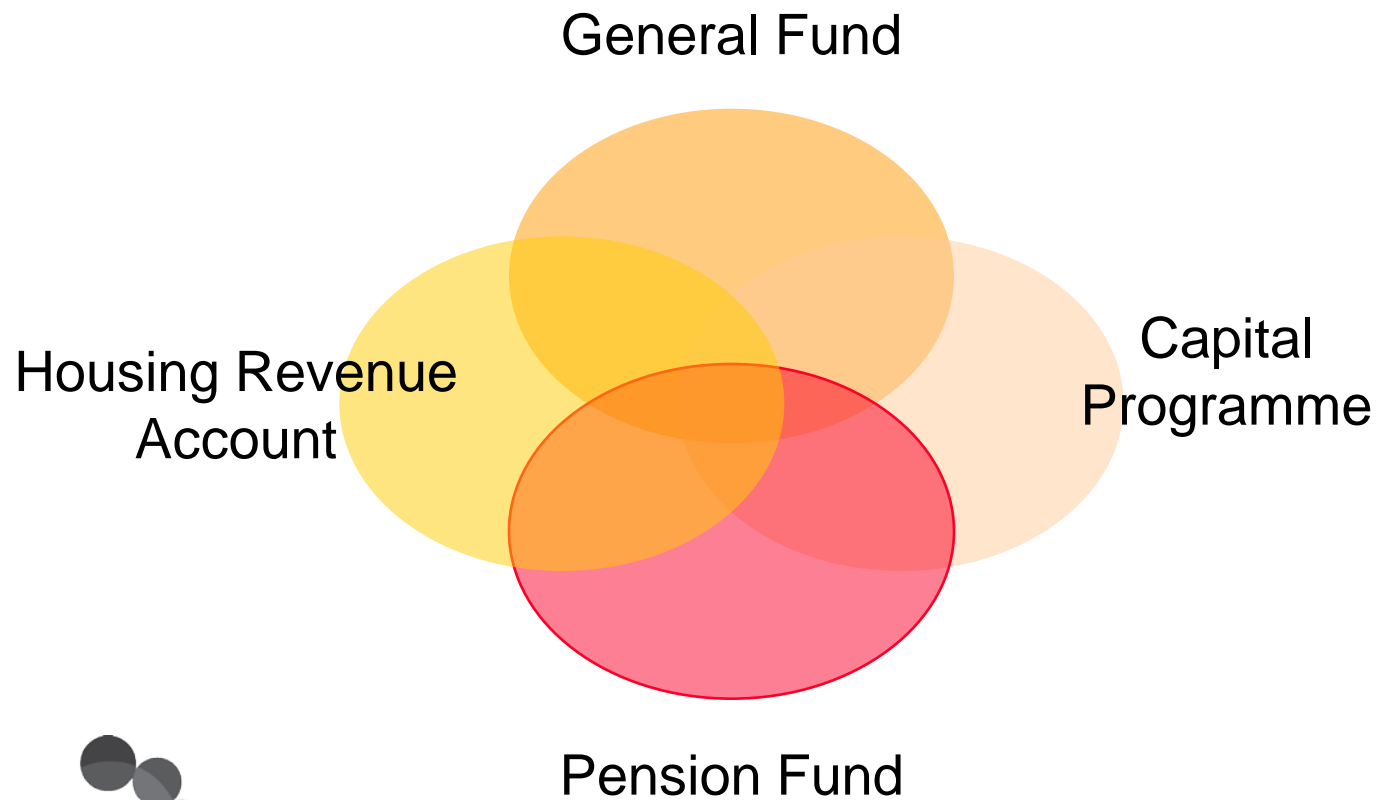
- Councillor Request
 - ▶ **Overview and Scrutiny**
- Task and Finish Group
 - ▶ **Outcome Report**
 - ▶ **Accepted by O&S Committee**
- The recommendations
- Officer Response



...the End of the Road

End of the Road

- Funding not available from normal means



Aftershock...

- Directorate and council already in debt, no way to 'sweat' the budget further.
- Risk of Intervention
- HRA agreed to fund 100k per annum contribution to achieve goal
- Any other ways to fund???





Area Based Grant?

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- Government grant
- Specific in purpose
- Policy / performance targeted
- Solution based
- Controlled by the LSP
- Granted £300k+ to spend by 31 March 2011



The Future of Grants and DIY Advice

Future of Grants

- Local Area Agreements and ABG monies end on 31 March 2011
- Currently awaiting new national indicators from David & Nick
- Performance landscape will then be set
- Crime / ASB and Environmental Issues are unlikely to go away



DIY Advice

- Look at National Indicators
- Local at Local Problems
- Develop a Costed Solution
- Apply for the Money
- Do what you said
- Don't rely on it forever
- You can do 2 things now...
 - ▶ **Be a 'slippage' hunter**
 - ▶ **Prepare for the next round**





Any Questions?

