

Housing and Community Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 5 June 2013

Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)

Review of Tobacco Control

The Committee met on 2 May to deal with the referral regarding the Teesside Pension Fund investment in tobacco companies. The fund's Pensions and Investment Panel Chair, Director of Resources, and Head of Investments attended the meeting to give evidence.

The Committee met on the Cabinet Member for Adult Services and Health on 22 May.

The review is due to conclude on 11 July rather than the earlier proposed date in April.

Overview Meetings

The Committee learned that the Housing Service key challenges include:

- Increasing demand across all front line services
- Managing the impact of Welfare Reform
- Addressing the lack of affordable housing supply (and the mismatch)
- Working with the private sector to secure good quality, well managed private rented housing
- Maintaining and sustaining effective partnerships
- Continuing to deliver housing regeneration in all our priority projects
- Protecting front facing services against budget pressures
- Managing external expectations
- Attempting to secure additional resources

The Committee will receive the overview of Community Safety Services (including information from Stockton Police) at its meeting on 6 June.