

## **Corporate and Social Inclusion Select Committee**

### **Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 17 December 2013**

#### **Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)**

##### **Scrutiny Review of NEPO**

Due to a delay in the completion and publication of the report of the independent review of NEPO the Chair agreed to resume the review when the report was available.

The Committee considered the NEPO report after NEPOs annual general meeting which took place on 22 October. As a result the Committee agreed to support and endorse the decision made by Leaders and Mayors and the NEPO Joint Committee to create a smaller and refocused NEPO that reports through ANEC. A list of items to be procured at a regional level is also to be recommended to feed into the NEPO transition process.

##### **Review of Street Café Furniture and A-Board Advertising**

The main issues and overall aim of this review:

- The difficulties negotiating items of café furniture, A-Boards and shop goods on the highways for everyone but especially visually impaired people, mobility aid users, and those with pushchairs.
- To assess Stockton Council draft guidance that will regulate the use of private street furniture and shop goods

The Committee met with Barry Jackson, Development Services Manager on 16 November to discuss the Planning Department approach to street café furniture and A-Board advertising and examined draft policy to address the issues of this review. Discussion included examination of lawful use development, the local development framework, and shops displaying goods.

It is being planned to invite local trader organisation, and disability group representatives to the next meeting to understand the issues from two key groups.

Presentation of the final report with recommendations for approval to Cabinet will be on 17 July 2014

##### **Monitoring Update**

The Committee were due consider the following updates at the meeting on 26 November but this will now take place on 14 January:

- Commissioned Carers
- Energy Supply INITIAL