

Corporate and Social Inclusion Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 4 February 2014

Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)

Scrutiny Review of NEPO

The Cabinet agreed on 16 January 2014 the Select Committee's recommendations for:

- The need to create a smaller and re-focused NEPO that reports through ANEC.
- The need to develop and implement a revised structure for a re-focused NEPO with appropriate number and grade of posts and management structure given the changed accountability arrangements with ANEC.
- Areas of external third party expenditure to be procured at a regional level.
- A further report presented to the Select Committee when the details of the revised NEPO scope and structure has been developed

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- To assess Stockton Council draft guidance that will regulate the use of private street furniture and shop goods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 invitation to local trader organisations and disability group representatives to the next meeting to understand the issues from two key groups is being progressed.

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 at the next meeting:

- Commissioned Carers
- Energy Supply INITIAL