

Housing and Community Select Committee
Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 14 May 2014

Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)

Review of Welfare Reform and Financial Inclusion

The review examined the early impact of the welfare changes introduced in April 2013 on the Council and partner agencies. The review also considered the wider aspects of financial inclusion, looking at a range of factors such as food banks, illegal money lending, and credit unions.

The Committee's final report was considered by Cabinet on 24 April, and the recommendations were accepted.

The Committee will continue to review welfare reform and associated issues during 2014-15. This will include early work to consider the proposals for future use of the remaining funding associated with the Back on Track crisis support scheme.

Other Work

The meeting on 12 June will consider the annual overview and performance information from community safety and housing services, and Cleveland Police.