Corporate and Social Inclusion Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 5 August 2014

Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)

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- To assess Stockton Council draft guidance that will regulate the use of private street furniture and shop goods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 final report was considered at the Committee meeting on 9 July 2014.

Presentation of the final report with recommendations for approval to Cabinet is scheduled for 4 September 2014.

Review of Licensing and Public health

The Committee will agree the scope and project plan and receive a background report and presentation at its meeting on 16 September to begin to explore:

- The opportunities for addressing health concerns of Stockton Borough residents through licensing by:
 - regulating the number and concentration of outlets. In particular:
 - planning permission for fast food outlets should include consideration of the potential impacts on prevention and reduction of cardiovascular disease
 - planning permission could be restricted in certain areas (e.g. within walking distance of schools)
 - there could be a review and amendment of classes of use orders to address disease prevention related to the concentration of fast food outlets.
 - Designating special policies across specific areas of the borough i.e. Cumulative Impact Zones (also known as saturation zones) to deal with a proliferation of particular outlets.

Other Work

The meeting on 9 July considered the annual overview and performance information.