

Place Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 27 October 2015

Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)

Review of Boundary Signs

The main issues and overall aim of this review are:

- To determine the current condition and location of place signs and understand the relevant legislation.
- To provide consideration and evidence to Cabinet / Council to determine policy in readiness for possible changes to national legislation.

The timing of this review was not ideal as national legislation was delayed with no publication date known thereby limiting the findings and recommendations at this time.

The Committee met on 5 October and, subject to the outcome of the tripartite meeting on 22 October, recommend:

- Cabinet only consider Boundary signs for Stockton-on-Tees Borough at the Borough boundary.
- Cabinet only sign historical boundaries for Yorkshire and Durham at the four river crossings of:
 - Yarm Bridge
 - Jubilee Bridge (Queen Elizabeth Way)
 - Victoria Bridge
 - Princess of Wales Bridge
- The Place Select Committee revisit this review when the legislation is published to scrutinise:
 - The Council's boundary sign policy prior to adoption.
 - A developed maintenance policy based on the principle of asset management.
 - A developed protocol for the funding of signs including maintenance.
 - Consultation with all interested parties

The final report will be presented to Cabinet on 3 December.

Review of Kerbside Waste Collection

This will be discussed at the tripartite meeting on 22 October and commence with agreement of the scope and project plan at the committee meeting on 2 November.

The main issues and overall aim of this review is to consider the current systems for the kerbside collection of household waste materials. The Committee will undertake key lines of enquiry that will:

- Review the current systems;
- Highlight any issues and/or concerns;
- Identify any lessons that can be learnt from other authorities; and
- Consider alternative approaches.