

Place Select Committee Chair's Update

Scrutiny Review – Asylum Seeker Services	
Achieved since last meeting	<p>The Committee received and considered information from both G4S and Migrant Help (nationally commissioned service providers for asylum seekers). Views on the effectiveness of the North East Migration Partnership (NEMP) were also put forward by Cllr Steve Nelson, the Lead Member for Stockton on NEMP.</p> <p>Collated responses from the voluntary and community sector questionnaire distributed to VCS groups in June 2017 were circulated to Committee members.</p> <p>A site visit was undertaken to Stockton Baptist Tabernacle Church on the 26th June 2017. Committee members discussed a range of asylum seeker issues with the Church Secretary and organiser of the weekly drop-in sessions for asylum seekers and refugees.</p>
Problems or concerns	None.
Planned next month	Summary of evidence/findings to be reviewed, and draft recommendations to be decided.
On track – yes / no	Yes.

Scrutiny Review – High Rise Buildings (Task & Finish)	
Achieved since last meeting	<p>Scope and project plan agreed at a task and finish group meeting on the 29th June 2017. At this meeting, evidence from the Local Authority was received in terms of the initial response to the Grenfell Tower fire.</p> <p>A second task and finish group meeting on the 3rd July 2017 heard information from both Thirteen Group (Housing Association) and Cleveland Fire Brigade regarding their pre-June 2017 procedures and post-Grenfell Tower fire responses.</p> <p>A site visit was conducted to Kennedy Gardens, Billingham, on the 5th July 2017, where Committee members spoke to Thirteen Group Officers and representatives from the residents association.</p> <p>Reflections on the evidence received, along with draft recommendations were considered at the Committee meeting on the 10th July 2017, and a final report was presented to Cabinet on the 12th July 2017, with the report and recommendations subsequently approved.</p>

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Problems or concerns	None.
Planned next month	The Committee will be presented with the Action Plan in relation to the agreed recommendations contained within the final report.
On track – yes / no	Yes.

Scrutiny Review – Billingham Event Infrastructure/Billingham International Folk Festival (BIFF)

Achieved since last meeting	Request received following the Cabinet meeting on the 12 th July 2017 to add this review to the current work programme. Initial information-gathering was recently undertaken during BIFF where Committee members visited the Festival accommodation and performance sites. Scope and project plan to be considered at the initial Tri-Partite meeting on the 29 th August 2017.
Problems or concerns	None.
Planned next month	Scope and project plan to be discussed and agreed by Committee.
On track – yes / no	Yes

Overview / Performance and Quality Assurance

Key Issues / Problems or concerns	None
Requests for more information	-

Monitoring

Key Issues / Problems or concerns	The Committee have not considered any monitoring updates since the last meeting.
Requests for more information	-

Next Meetings

Monday 11th September 2017 (2.00pm)