

Place Select Committee Chair's Update

Scrutiny Review – Asylum Seeker Services	
Achieved since last meeting	<p>A summary of the evidence received during the course of this review was considered at the last Committee meeting in September 2017, and draft recommendations were formulated.</p> <p>Further information was requested around the issue of schools funding meals for those asylum seeker children who are not eligible for free school meals. Members also agreed that a recommendation around forced room-sharing for unrelated adults needed to clearly reflect the Committee's objection to this practice.</p>
Problems or concerns	None.
Planned next month	<p>The draft report will be considered at the next Committee meeting on the 30th October 2017.</p> <p>The agreed final report will be presented to Cabinet in November 2017.</p>
On track – yes / no	Yes.

Scrutiny Review – High Rise Buildings (Task & Finish)	
Achieved since last meeting	The Committee was presented with the Action Plan in relation to the agreed recommendations contained within the final report – this was subsequently agreed by Members.
Problems or concerns	None.
Planned next month	Progress monitoring updates in relation to the Action Plan are not scheduled to come back to Committee until December 2017.
On track – yes / no	Yes.

Scrutiny Review – Billingham Event Infrastructure/Billingham International Folk Festival (BIFF)	
Achieved since last meeting	A draft scope and plan was considered at September's Committee meeting. Members were reminded that this review will focus on the site and infrastructure requirements of BIFF, and would require evidence from the Local Authority in terms of its current input, the BIFF Committee in order to understand how the festival is organised and funded (including costs), and the views of other stakeholders including Billingham Town Council and Arts Council England. Crucially, an exploration of potential alternative accommodation sites is required following

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	<p>the Council's asset transfer of the Marsh House Avenue facility to Onsite, which impacts on the ability of BIFF to utilise the former Campus School sports block.</p> <p>The draft scope and plan was subsequently agreed, with the Committee meeting originally scheduled for the 9th October 2017 to be put back to the 30th October 2017.</p>
Problems or concerns	None.
Planned next month	Two evidence-gathering sessions are planned which will involve (subject to final confirmation) contributions from BIFF infrastructure contractors, Local Billingham Councillors, Arts Council England and site visit feedback in October 2017, and the Local Authority (including site options), BIFF Committee and Billingham Town Council in November 2017.
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 30th October 2017 (2.00pm)