

**Place Select Committee
Chair's Update – November 2017**

Scrutiny Review – Asylum Seeker Services	
Achieved since last meeting	The draft report was considered at the last Committee meeting in October 2017. Subject to some very minor amendments, this was agreed by Members.
Problems or concerns	None.
Planned next month	The agreed final report will be presented to Cabinet in November 2017.
On track – yes / no	Yes.

Scrutiny Review – Billingham Event Infrastructure/Billingham International Folklore Festival (BIFF)	
Achieved since last meeting	The Committee received evidence from the BIFF infrastructure contractor who was involved at the 2017 festival, which reflected on their experiences of how the festival operates from an infrastructure viewpoint, and offered suggestions on alternative means of accommodating the performers in future years. Members also considered the CIOFF guidance for international folklore festivals (i.e. what the host has to provide), as well as feedback from the visits to the Marsh House Avenue site that were undertaken in August 2017.
Problems or concerns	None.
Planned next month	<p>The next Committee meeting in November 2017 will consider evidence from a number of key contributors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Authority – Council involvement in BIFF (inc. financial input), proposed alternative accommodation sites in Billingham, health and safety considerations. • Local Billingham Councillors – significance of festival to Billingham, views on alternative accommodation sites. • BIFF Committee – infrastructure needs of festival (inc. costs), funding streams, stakeholder feedback on BIFF 2017, future challenges (inc. legacy plans). • Billingham Town Council – significance/value of event, current/potential future support, ideas on alternative accommodation sites. <p>Feedback from Arts Council England has been received in relation to funding decisions, and this will be circulated to Members for information.</p>
On track – yes / no	Yes.

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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 13 th November 2017 (2.00pm)	