

**Place Select Committee
Chair's Update – June 2018**

Scrutiny Review – Billingham Event Infrastructure	
Achieved since last meeting	An Action Plan in relation to the agreed recommendations was presented to Committee in April 2018 – this was subsequently approved by Members.
Problems or concerns	None.
Planned next month	An initial progress update on the Action Plan will be considered by Committee at the July 2018 meeting.
On track – yes / no	Yes.

Scrutiny Review – Disabled Parking (Task & Finish)	
Achieved since last meeting	<p>The final report was considered by Cabinet in April 2018, and all recommendations were endorsed.</p> <p>An Action Plan in relation to the agreed recommendations was presented to Committee in May 2018 – this was subsequently approved by Members.</p>
Problems or concerns	None.
Planned next month	As the Action Plan was only agreed in May 2018, an initial progress update on the Action Plan will be considered by Committee at the December 2018 meeting (not as part of the next monitoring cycle).
On track – yes / no	Yes.

Scrutiny Review – Management of Memorials	
Achieved since last meeting	<p>In April 2018, Committee received a comprehensive presentation from the Cemeteries Superintendent which provided Members with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background – Previous Recommendations • Current Management of Memorial Masons • Raising Awareness of the Grave Personalisation Policy (GPP) • Review of the Grave Personalisation Policy • Possible Options for the Management of Personalisation • New Grave Personalisation Concept for New Cemeteries and Extensions to Existing Cemeteries <p>The very high compliance rate (98%) with the current policy was noted, and it was highlighted that there had only been three formal complaints to the Council over the last three years regarding grave personalisation (all concerning placement of</p>

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	<p>excessive personalisation by other grave-owners, rather than dissatisfaction over an inability to place sufficient personal items).</p> <p>At the May 2018 meeting, Committee reviewed the evidence received, and subsequently formulated draft recommendations. This involved a detailed debate around the new concept for the Durham Road extension.</p>
Problems or concerns	None.
Planned next month	A draft final report will be presented to Committee in June 2018 for discussion and agreement. The approved version will be considered by Cabinet in July 2018.
On track – yes / no	Yes.

Scrutiny Review – Consolidation of Thirteen Housing Group

Achieved since last meeting	<p>Following the initial tri-partite meeting, a draft scope and project plan was considered by Committee at the May 2018 meeting, along with a background briefing paper presented by the review's Link Officer. Committee subsequently approved the scope and plan, with the key lines of enquiry being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What was the rationale for the consolidation of Thirteen Housing Group, and how did this effect tenants / leaseholders in Stockton-on-Tees? • What have been the key issues / challenges post-consolidation in terms of the delivery of services, and how are these being addressed? • How does Thirteen engage with tenants / leaseholders (including communication of services and addressing concerns raised)? • What arrangements are in place regarding operational and strategic engagement with the Council? Are they effective? • What are the key features of Thirteen's investment programme, and how is this aligned with Council priorities? • How will the recent internal re-organisation within Thirteen effect the partnership with the Council and tenants / leaseholders? <p>Site visits and Ward Member and resident surveys are all being considered as part of this review, and it is intended for the final report to be considered by Cabinet in October 2018.</p>
Problems or concerns	None.
Planned next month	Committee are scheduled to receive evidence from Thirteen Housing Group (Executive level) regarding the rationale for

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	consolidation and the issues/challenges since this happened, customer engagement/satisfaction, strategic and operational engagement with the Council, and their investment programme. The Local Authority will also provide a perspective on Thirteen's engagement with them, and how Thirteen's investment programme supports the Council's social (including health and well-being), economic and regeneration priorities.
On track – yes / no	Yes.

Overview / Performance and Quality Assurance

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

Monitoring

Key Issues / Problems or concerns	Committee has not considered any monitoring updates since the last meeting. The next monitoring updates are scheduled for the June 2018 cycle of meetings, though it has been agreed for the Place Select Committee to receive the next updates at the July 2018 meeting to allow sufficient time for evidence in relation to the Scrutiny Review of Consolidation of Thirteen Housing Group.
Requests for more information	None.

Next Meeting

Monday 11 th June 2018 (2.00pm)
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