

## Place Select Committee Chair's Update – September 2018

Scrutiny Review – Management of Memorials	
<b>Achieved since last meeting</b>	The final report was considered by Cabinet in July 2018, where all recommendations were endorsed.
<b>Problems or concerns</b>	None.
<b>Planned next month</b>	An Action Plan in relation to the review's recommendations will be formulated and presented to Committee in September 2018 for discussion and agreement.
<b>On track – yes / no</b>	Yes.

Scrutiny Review – Consolidation of Thirteen Housing Group	
<b>Achieved since last meeting</b>	In July 2018, the Committee considered a summary of the evidence received and formulated a number of draft recommendations.  Earlier in the month, Committee Members visited Acorn House (Thornaby) to see an example of Thirteen's investment into the Borough.
<b>Problems or concerns</b>	None.
<b>Planned next month</b>	A draft final report will be considered by the Committee at the next meeting in September 2018. The agreed final version will be presented to Cabinet in October 2018.
<b>On track – yes / no</b>	Yes.

Scrutiny Review – Parking on Grass Verges (Task & Finish)	
<b>Achieved since last meeting</b>	The Committee was presented with the draft scope and plan for this review in July 2018. Following discussions, it was agreed that this piece of work would focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What powers Local Authorities have under current legislation?</li> <li>• When, how and why does the Council enforce?</li> <li>• Where do problems arise across the Borough?</li> <li>• What has been the value and effectiveness of repairs?</li> <li>• What fines can be imposed?</li> <li>• What other measures can be put in place to deter inappropriate parking?</li> <li>• Who is responsible for repairs?</li> <li>• What approach do other Local Authorities take?</li> <li>• What can developers be asked to do?</li> </ul>

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	<p>Correspondence would be sent to all Councillors asking for specific examples experienced in their Wards to help identify issues and formulate possible solutions.</p> <p>Four Committee Members agreed to form the Task &amp; Finish group and would initiate this work after the summer recess.</p>
<b>Problems or concerns</b>	None.
<b>Planned next month</b>	Two meetings have been scheduled for the Task & Finish group during September 2018. Further meetings and / or site visits will be arranged where necessary in order to collect evidence before a report is brought back to Committee.
<b>On track – yes / no</b>	Yes.

**Overview / Performance and Quality Assurance**

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

**Monitoring**

<b>Key Issues / Problems or concerns</b>	<p>Committee considered the latest round of monitoring progress updates at the last meeting in July 2018 (deferred from June 2018 to allow for sufficient time for evidence to be received in relation to the Scrutiny Review of Consolidation of Thirteen Housing Group).</p> <p><u>Countryside Sites</u>: Actions in relation to all the outstanding recommendations have now been achieved. Members requested that all Councillors receive the booklet ('Out and About') detailing the walks and cycle paths around the Borough.</p> <p><u>Flooding</u>: Of the three outstanding recommendations to be actioned, one has now been completed, one remains on-track, and one which had previously slipped had yet to be resolved ('further develop expertise of operatives engaged in dealing with flooding issues') – the latter remains in the Business Unit Plan for Community Services but has not yet progressed due to other priorities, however, significant amounts of information had been gathered as to how other authorities tackled flooding issues.</p> <p><u>Asylum Seeker Services (Initial)</u>: Actions in relation to four of the seven recommendations have already been achieved. It was noted that investigations were taking place in Stockton to</p>
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	<p>determine the true scale of the problem regarding forced room-sharing, and that where children of asylum seeking families were in key years (i.e. taking exams), they would not be moved to another school unless it had been requested by the family due to issues they may be experiencing (this was not currently a problem within Stockton though).</p> <p><u>Billingham Event Infrastructure (Initial)</u>: Actions in relation to three of the seven recommendations have already been achieved, with the remaining four on-track. Members found the report very positive and encouraging, and thanked Officers for the work that had been undertaken.</p> <p>It was agreed to defer the latest progress update on <u>Fire Safety of High Rise Residential Buildings (Task &amp; Finish)</u> to the next Committee meeting in September 2018.</p>
<b>Requests for more information</b>	None.

**Next Meetings**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018 (2.00pm)  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018 (2.00pm)