

Place Select Committee Chair's Update – January 2020

Scrutiny Review – Area Transport Strategy	
Achieved since last meeting	<p>The Committee considered a summary of evidence received in relation to this review at an informal meeting in November 2019, and on the basis of the evidence gathered, formulated a number of draft recommendations.</p> <p>At the December 2019 Committee meeting, Members considered and agreed the draft final report.</p>
Problems or concerns	None.
Planned next month	The agreed final report will be presented to Cabinet in January 2020. Subject to endorsement, an Action Plan in relation to the agreed recommendations will then be collated and considered by the Committee in February / March 2020.
On track – yes / no	Yes.

Scrutiny Review – Business Support and Engagement	
Achieved since last meeting	<p>The Committee considered and agreed the scope and plan for this review in December 2019.</p> <p>The aim will be to examine the Council's overall business support / engagement role, how this is utilised and viewed externally, and whether the necessary resources are in place to satisfy existing and future demand.</p> <p>A number of contributors have been identified, including the Council's Business and Enterprise Team, Tees Valley Business Compass, wider partners (e.g. the Federation of Small Businesses, North East England Chamber of Commerce, Teesside University), and local businesses previously / currently being supported by the Local Authority.</p>
Problems or concerns	None.
Planned next month	The first main evidence-gathering session will take place in January 2020 and will be Local Authority-focused, with a view to addressing a number of the key lines of enquiry around the functions of the Council's Business and Enterprise Team.
On track – yes / no	Yes.

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Overview / Performance and Quality Assurance	
Key Issues / Problems or concerns	None.
Requests for more information	None.

Monitoring	
Key Issues / Problems or concerns	<p><u>Management of Memorials</u> During the Committee meeting in November 2019, Members received the first progress update in relation to the agreed recommendations from the review of Management of Memorials.</p> <p>The Committee commended all those involved in the comprehensive work undertaken around this sensitive issue since the review was completed in 2018, and requested that a further update be provided around the pilot (offering choice over the type of grave) in the Durham Road cemetery extension in six months.</p> <p><u>Disabled Parking (Task & Finish)</u> During the Committee meeting in November 2019, Members received a further progress update in relation to the outstanding recommendations from the review of Disabled Parking (Task & Finish).</p> <p>Now the Council were able to prosecute fraudulent use of Blue Badges, Members felt this should be communicated to the public to promote awareness of this development (e.g. via Stockton News). Officers stated that a final report on the audit of disabled bays across the Borough (Council-owned car parks) could be presented to the Committee in February 2020 (instead of March 2020 as stated) as part of the next progress update.</p> <hr/> <p>Future progress updates regarding previously completed reviews will be received by the Committee on the following dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disabled Parking (Task & Finish) – February 2020 • Parking on Grass Verges (Task & Finish) – March 2020 • Bring Sites (Recycling) – March 2020 • Management of Memorials – May 2020 • Consolidation of Thirteen Housing Group – July 2020 <p>In addition, there are outstanding actions in relation to the</p>

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	reviews of Fire Safety of High Rise Residential Buildings (Task & Finish), and Asylum Seeker Services – updates on these are to be scheduled.
Requests for more information	None.

Next Meeting
Monday 27 th January 2020 (2.00pm)