

## Place Select Committee Chair's Update – October 2020

<b>Scrutiny Review – Business Support and Engagement</b>	
<b>Achieved since last meeting</b>	<p>In February 2020, the Committee took evidence from several organisations including the North East Chamber of Commerce / Department of International Trade, Tees Valley Business Compass, and Teesside University.</p> <p>The March 2020 meeting, scheduled to receive contributions from businesses who were receiving / had received support from the Council, was cancelled due to the escalating Covid-19 situation (the information received ahead of this meeting was subsequently circulated to Members). Similarly, visits to the Fountain Shopping Mall, Drake the Bookshop and Fusion Hive also had to be cancelled.</p> <p>The final evidence-gathering for this review took place in September 2020 when the Committee received an overview from the Local Authority about the recent work and future priorities of the Business Support and Enterprise Team, specifically around the impact of Covid-19. Changes to the team's structure (and the rationale for this) were also outlined.</p>
<b>Problems or concerns</b>	None
<b>Planned next month</b>	A summary of the evidence received for this review will be considered by the Committee at the next meeting in October 2020 (informally) – draft recommendations will then be formulated.
<b>On track – yes / no</b>	Yes (albeit with adjusted timescales due to Covid-19).

<b>Scrutiny Review – Planters in Residential Streets (Task and Finish)</b>	
<b>Achieved since last meeting</b>	A revised scope and project plan were approved by the Committee in July 2020. The first evidence session took place in September 2020. The T&F Group received a report from officers on brick planters, including maps and photographs of current planter locations and ownership.
<b>Problems or concerns</b>	None
<b>Planned next month</b>	A second evidence session is scheduled for November 2020. This session will focus on options around removing or maintaining planters across the Borough.
<b>On track – yes / no</b>	Yes

## Place Select Committee Chair's Update – October 2020

Scrutiny Review – Burial Provision	
Achieved since last meeting	N/A
Problems or concerns	None
Planned next month	This review will commence in October 2020. A scope planning session will be included in the informal meeting on 19 October. The draft scope and project plan will be presented to the Committee for approval at the meeting on 16 November 2020.
On track – yes / no	Yes

Monitoring	
Key Issues / Problems or concerns	<p>Draft Action Plans in relation to the agreed recommendations in the final report were received and approved by the Committee on the following dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Area Transport Strategy – July 2020</li> </ul> <p>Progress updates regarding previously completed reviews were received and approved by the Committee on the following dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disabled Parking (Task &amp; Finish) – February 2020</li> <li>Parking on Grass Verges (Task &amp; Finish) – July 2020</li> <li>Management of Memorials – July 2020</li> <li>Bring Sites (Recycling) – July 2020</li> </ul> <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"> <li>Consolidation of Thirteen Housing Group – November 2020</li> </ul> <p>In addition, there are outstanding actions in relation to the reviews of Fire Safety of High Rise Residential Buildings (Task &amp; Finish), and Asylum Seeker Services – updates on these are to be scheduled.</p>
Requests for more information	None.

Next Meeting
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 - 2.00pm (informal)