

Place Select Committee Chair's Update – May 2022

Scrutiny Review – Residents Parking Zones	
Achieved since last meeting	<p>A final informal evidence-gathering session was held in March 2022 via Teams. Views on this scrutiny topic were received from representatives of Norton, Stockton and Yarm business groups, an update on the use of RPZs by other Local Authorities was provided, and Members concluded the meeting by considering the results of the Elected Member survey.</p> <p>An informal session took place immediately following the formal Committee meeting in April 2022 to consider a summary of the evidence received as part of this review, with a number of draft recommendations subsequently formulated.</p>
Problems or concerns	None
Planned next month	Due to a rescheduling of the Committee's work programme, a draft final report will now be presented to the Committee for approval in June 2022 (rather than May 2022).
On track – yes / no	No – see above.

Scrutiny Review – Planning Service / Adoption of Open Space	
Achieved since last meeting	n/a
Problems or concerns	None
Planned next month	Initial officer discussions and an initial tri-partite meeting for this scrutiny topic, the Committee's next in-depth review, will be held in the coming weeks. A draft scope and plan will then be presented to the Committee for approval in June 2022.
On track – yes / no	Yes

Monitoring	
Key Issues / Problems or concerns	<p>The following progress updates were received by the Committee since the last Executive Scrutiny Committee meeting:</p> <p><u>Planters in Residential Streets</u> The first update on the agreed Action Plan in relation to this previously completed review was considered in April 2022. Members were pleased that £50,000 had been secured from</p>

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	<p>the Queens Platinum Jubilee Grant by the Community Partnerships, Cultivate and Sprouts, with part of the grant being used to work on 70 planters across the Borough. Members requested a further update be brought to the Committee in November 2022 regarding the outstanding action around business engagement (e.g. sponsoring / providing materials or funds) with planters.</p> <p><u>Business Support and Engagement</u></p> <p>The first update on the agreed Action Plan in relation to this previously completed review was considered in April 2022. Despite the understandable focus on COVID-related support since the review concluded, Members also heard of several other strands of progress including collaboration with Tees Valley Combined Authority (TVCA) to increase information-sharing, the development of the Employment and Training Hub, and the forthcoming Stockton Digital House co-working space where people who work on their own will be able to come together to share ideas / brainstorm. Work to increase awareness and understanding of the business needs of groups with protected characteristics was also noted, as was the support given to retail businesses.</p> <p>Future progress updates regarding previously completed reviews will be received by the Committee as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire Safety of High Rise Residential Buildings (T&F) (TBC) • Parking on Grass Verges (T&F) (Sep 22) • Business Support and Engagement (TBC) • Planters in Residential Streets (T&F) (Nov 22) • Burial Provision (Sep 22) • Highways Asset Management (inc. Potholes and Flooding) (TBC)
Requests for more information	None

Next Meetings

Monday 27th June 2022 (2.00pm)