

Date: Monday 11 March 2024 at 4.00 pm

Venue: Jim Cooke Conference Suite, Stockton Central Library, Stockton - on - Tees,
TS18 1TU

Cllr Richard Eglington (Chair)
Cllr Katie Weston (Vice-Chair)

Cllr Kevin Faulks
Cllr Shakeel Hussain
Cllr Marilyn Surtees
Cllr Sylvia Walmsley

Cllr Stefan Houghton
Cllr Andrew Sherris
Cllr Hilary Vickers

AGENDA

- 1 Evacuation Procedure** (Pages 7 - 8)
- 2 Apologies for Absence**
- 3 Declarations of Interest**
- 4 Minutes**
To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 13 February 2024. (Pages 9 - 10)
- 5 Scrutiny Review of (Unauthorised) Roadside Advertising**
To receive presentations from Council Officers.
- 6 Chair's Update and Work Programme 2023/24** (Pages 11 - 12)

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KEY - Declarable interests are:-

- Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI's)
- Other Registerable Interests (ORI's)
- Non Registerable Interests (NRI's)

Members – Declaration of Interest Guidance



Table 1 - Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Subject	Description
Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain
Sponsorship	Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the council) made to the councillor during the previous 12-month period for expenses incurred by him/her in carrying out his/her duties as a councillor, or towards his/her election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.
Contracts	Any contract made between the councillor or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners (or a firm in which such person is a partner, or an incorporated body of which such person is a director* or a body that such person has a beneficial interest in the securities of*) and the council — (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and (b) which has not been fully discharged.
Land and property	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the council. 'Land' excludes an easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which does not give the councillor or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/ civil partners (alone or jointly with another) a right to occupy or to receive income.
Licences	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the council for a month or longer.
Corporate tenancies	Any tenancy where (to the councillor's knowledge)— (a) the landlord is the council; and (b) the tenant is a body that the councillor, or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/ civil partners is a partner of or a director* of or has a beneficial interest in the securities* of.
Securities	Any beneficial interest in securities* of a body where— (a) that body (to the councillor's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the council; and (b) either— (i) the total nominal value of the securities* exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or (ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the councillor, or his/ her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners have a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

* 'director' includes a member of the committee of management of an industrial and provident society.

* 'securities' means shares, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds, units of a collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and other securities of any description, other than money deposited with a building society.

Table 2 – Other Registerable Interest

You must register as an Other Registrable Interest:

- a) any unpaid directorships
- b) any body of which you are a member or are in a position of general control or management and to which you are nominated or appointed by your authority
- c) any body
 - (i) exercising functions of a public nature
 - (ii) directed to charitable purposes or
 - (iii) one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union) of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management

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Jim Cooke Conference Suite, Stockton Central Library **Evacuation Procedure & Housekeeping**

If the fire or bomb alarm should sound please exit by the nearest emergency exit. The Fire alarm is a continuous ring and the Bomb alarm is the same as the fire alarm however it is an intermittent ring.

If the Fire Alarm rings exit through the nearest available emergency exit and form up in Municipal Buildings Car Park.

The assembly point for everyone if the Bomb alarm is sounded is the car park at the rear of Splash on Church Road.

The emergency exits are located via the doors between the 2 projector screens. The key coded emergency exit door will automatically disengage when the alarm sounds.

The Toilets are located on the Ground floor corridor of Municipal Buildings next to the emergency exit. Both the ladies and gents toilets are located on the right hand side.

Microphones

During the meeting, members of the Committee, and officers in attendance, will have access to a microphone. Please use the microphones, when directed to speak by the Chair, to ensure you are heard by the Committee.

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Place Select Committee

A meeting of Place Select Committee was held on Tuesday, 13 February 2024.

Present: Cllr Richard Eglington (Chair), Cllr John Coulson (sub for Cllr Stefan Houghton), Cllr Kevin Faulks, Cllr Shakeel Hussain, Cllr Paul Rowling (sub for Cllr Katie Weston), Cllr Andrew Sherris, Cllr Marilyn Surtees, Cllr Hilary Vickers

Officers: Marc Stephenson (CS&R), Judy Trainer (CS).

Also in attendance: None.

Apologies: Cllr Katie Weston, Cllr Stefan Houghton, Cllr Sylvia Walmsley

PLA 31/23 **Evacuation Procedure**

The Committee noted the evacuation and housekeeping procedure.

PLA 32/23 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

PLA 33/23 **Minutes – 15 January 2024**

AGREED the minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2024 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

PLA 34/23 **Scrutiny Review of (Unauthorised) Roadside Advertising – Draft Scope and Project Plan**

The Select Committee considered a draft scope and project plan and received a presentation setting out context and background to the review. The presentation included:

- Types of unauthorised roadside advertising:
 - Banners and event advertising
 - Fly posting
 - Roadside trailers
 - A Boards
- Existing Powers and our response
- Current response
- Permitted signage

The main issues highlighted and discussed were as follows:

- Defined by the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, advertising fell into three main categories:
 - Those permitted without requiring consent from the Authority
 - Those with deemed consent – 16 categories
 - Those which required the express consent of the Local Authority
- A small handful of distribution companies were responsible for flyposting across the Borough

- A Public Space Protection Order could be explored, however, guidance was clear that other options should be actively considered before a PSPO was pursued
- Permission was needed to remove unauthorised advertising on private land
- Signage on roundabouts was assessed by road safety
- Where an event was not on a set date, this would not be covered by deemed consent and express consent would be required through the planning process. Members questioned whether the definition of the duration of an event could be reviewed and agreed that this be explored with planning
- Members felt that there would be merit in providing more information and guidance online
- There had only been 161 requests for service from the public since 1 January 2022 which represented 0.7% when compared to all requests for community safety services during the same period. Flyposting was the main area of concern linked to commercial areas and no complaints relating to banners had been received since 2022 with the introduction of a clearer planning position

With regard to the draft scoping document, Marc Stephenson undertook to seek input from the Officer Traffic Group, Road Safety Team and feed this back to the Select Committee. It was also agreed that the Royal National Institute of the Blind People be asked for comments to be fed back to a future meeting. Members asked that input from planning was sought for the next meeting. The Committee's final report was scheduled to be presented to Cabinet in September 2024 although it might be possible to bring the reporting date forward.

AGREED that the presentation be noted and the scope and project plan be approved, subject to the above comments.

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Chair's Update and Select Committee Work Programme 2023-2024

Consideration was given to the Work Programme.

The next meeting would be held on Monday 11 March 2024.

AGREED that the Work Programme be noted.

Place Select Committee Work Programme 2023-2024

Date (2pm unless stated)	Topic	Attendance
Monday 10 July 2023	Overview Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Centres Development • Environment, Leisure & Green Infrastructure • Community Services • Inclusive Growth & Development • Housing and A Fairer Stockton-on-Tees 	Cllr Nigel Cooke/ Cllr Clare Gamble/ Cllr Norma Stephenson OBE/ Garry Cummings/ Reuben Kench/ Ann Workman/ Carolyn Nice/ Neil Mitchell/ Craig Willows
Monday 11 September 2023	Scrutiny Review of Domestic Waste Collections, Kerbside Recycling and Green Waste Collections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scope and Project Plan 	Dale Rowbotham/ Craig Willows
Monday 9 October 2023	Scrutiny Review of Domestic Waste Collections, Kerbside Recycling and Green Waste Collections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence Gathering 	Dale Rowbotham/ Craig Willows/Mike Gardner
Monday 13 November 2023	Monitoring: Progress Update - Highways Asset Management (including Potholes and Flooding) Scrutiny Review of Domestic Waste Collections, Kerbside Recycling and Green Waste Collections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence Gathering 	Ian Raine Dale Rowbotham/ Craig Willows/Reuben Kench/Mike Gardner
Thursday 30 November 2023 (12-4pm)	Scrutiny Review of Domestic Waste Collections, Kerbside Recycling and Green Waste Collections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site Visits 	Dale Rowbotham/ Craig Willows
Monday 11 December 2023 (informal via Teams)	Scrutiny Review of Domestic Waste Collections, Kerbside Recycling and Green Waste Collections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of Evidence / Draft Recommendations 	Dale Rowbotham/ Craig Willows/Mike Gardner

Place Select Committee Work Programme 2023-2024

Date (2pm unless stated)	Topic	Attendance
Monday 15 January 2024 (4pm)	Scrutiny Review of Domestic Waste Collections, Kerbside Recycling and Green Waste Collections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Draft) Final Report Monitoring: Progress Update - Burial Provision (TBC) Monitoring: Progress Update - Residents Parking Zones	Dale Rowbotham/ Craig Willows/Reuben Kench/ Cllr Clare Gamble Dale Rowbotham/ Darren Robinson Phil Hardie
Monday 12 February 2024 (4pm)	Scrutiny Review of (Unauthorised) Roadside Advertising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scope and Project Plan 	Marc Stephenson
Monday 11 March 2024 (4pm)	Scrutiny Review of (Unauthorised) Roadside Advertising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence Gathering 	Marc Stephenson Simon Grundy

Remaining Monitoring Items (to be scheduled)

Progress Updates

- Planning (Development Management) and Adoption of Open Space – April 2024