

Date:

Monday 13 July 2026 at 4.00 pm

Venue:

Council Chamber, Dunedin House, Columbia Drive, Thornaby, Stockton-on-Tees TS17 6BJ

Cllr Jim Beall (Chair)

Cllr Steve Nelson (Vice-Chair)

Cllr Stephen Dodds, Cllr Sufi Mubeen, Cllr David Reynard, Cllr Tony Riordan, Cllr Ted Strike, Cllr Marilyn Surtees and Cllr Sylvia Walmsley

Agenda

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2. Evacuation Procedure (Pages 7 - 10)

3. Apologies for Absence

4. Declarations of Interest

5. Minutes (Pages 11 - 16)

To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 15 June 2026

6. Scrutiny Review of Animal Welfare, Kennelling, and Protection of Pets (Pages 17 - 24)

7. Progress Update - Domestic Waste Collections Kerbside Recycling and Green Waste (Pages 25 - 46)

8. Chair's Update and Select Committee Work Programme (Pages 47 - 48)



Ged Morton
Director of Corporate Services
Friday 3 July 2026

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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

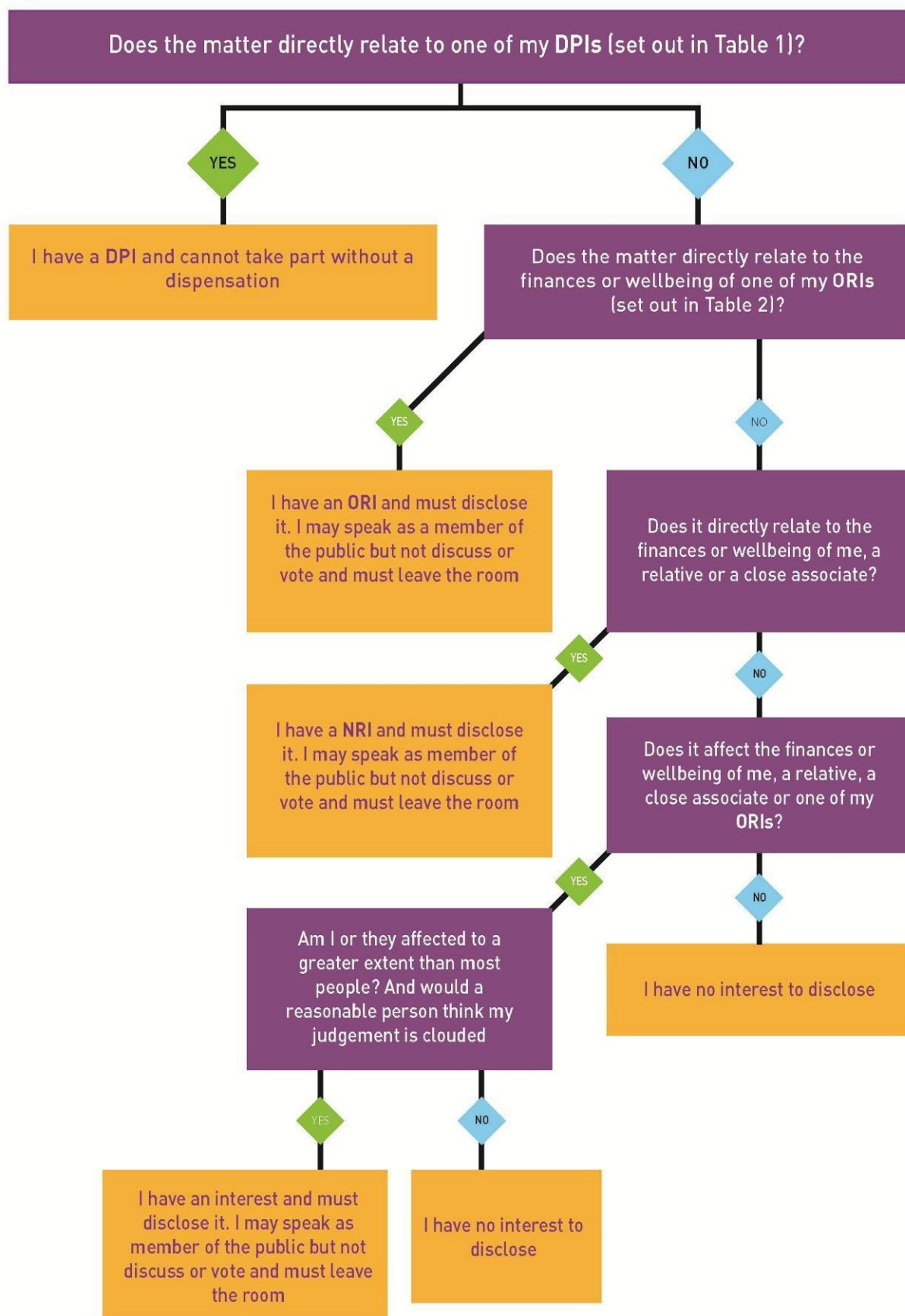


Table 1 - Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

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.

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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

Council Chamber, Dunedin House Evacuation Procedure & Housekeeping

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Map of the Emergency Evacuation Assembly Point - the overflow car park:



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2. **follow directional EXIT signs** to evacuate via the nearest safe exit in a calm and orderly manner.
 - do not stop to collect your belongings
 - close all doors as you leave
3. **steer clear of hazards.** If evacuation becomes difficult via a chosen route because of smoke, flames or a blockage, re-enter the Chamber (if safe to do so). Continue the evacuation via the nearest safe exit route.
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 - do not assemble directly outside the building or on any main roadway, to ensure access for Emergency Services.

5. await further instructions.

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- do not leave the area without permission.
- ensure all colleagues and visitors are accounted for. Notify a Fire Warden or Manager immediately if you have any concerns

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Place Select Committee

A meeting of Place Select Committee was held on Monday 15th June 2026.

Present: Cllr Jim Beall (Chair), Cllr Steve Nelson (Vice-Chair), Cllr Stephen Dodds, Cllr Sufi Mubeen, Cllr David Reynard, Cllr Tony Riordan, Cllr Marilyn Surtees, and Cllr Sylvia Walmsley.

Officers: Neil Bramma (Finance, Transformation and Performance) Stephen Donagahy, Polly Edwards, Graham Lyons, Sarah Garside (Adults, Health and Wellbeing), Michelle Gunn and Junita Agyapong (Corporate Services)

Also in attendance:

Apologies: Cllr Ted Strike

PLA/13/26 Livestreaming

The Committee noted the meeting was being livestreaming.

PLA/14/26 Evacuation Procedure

The Committee noted the evacuation and housekeeping procedure.

PLA/15/26 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

PLA/16/26 Minutes

AGREED the minutes of the meeting held on 18 May be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

PLA/17/26 Scrutiny Review of Governance of Capital Projects

The Strategic Finance Manager presented an action plan setting out how the agreed recommendations from the Scrutiny Review of Governance of Capital Projects would be implemented and target dates for completion. There were five recommendations, which included reviewing financial delegations, Cabinet report guidance and templates, and the approach to member engagement in relation to capital projects. There was also a commitment to carry out an officer review of the governance structure, reporting back to the Committee in January 2027.

A date for when refreshing the Concordat for Communication and Consultation with Councillors would be completed was requested. The Finance Officer would discuss with the Monitoring Officer and circulate a date to the Committee.

The Committee thanked the officer for the action plan.

AGREED that:

- the Action Plan be approved

- a deadline date for refreshing the Concordat for Communication and Consultation with Councillors be circulated
- a progress update be provided in January 2027.

PLA/18/26 Scrutiny Review of Animal Welfare, Kennelling, and Protection of Pets

The Committee received three reports for their review of Animal Welfare, Kennelling, and Protection of Pets. The Licensing Officer presented a report outlining the role and responsibilities of the Licensing Team regarding animals and how it supported animal welfare. The key points highlighted were:

- The Service was responsible for a range of activities involving animals under the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018 which included dog breeding, selling animals as pets, animal boarding and day care for dogs, hiring horses e.g. riding schools, and keeping or training animals for exhibition.
- The Service carried out a number of proactive measures such as pre-application advice and site visits. They also carried out assessments of suitability and competence and compliance as part of the application process. They ensured that operators were competent, trained and fit and proper to carry out their business, and that premises were safe, suitable and hygienic for the animals.
- Licences were granted for one, two or three years. Star ratings were given to licenced operators, and the length of licences given depended on the star rating of an operator, with lower star rated operators granted shorter licences. The star rating system not only gave transparency and assurance to the public but also encouraged operators to improve, driving up standards. In 2025-26 there were 83 licensed premises for animal activity and there were no one star operators in the Borough.
- Inspections took place at initial application and again roughly halfway through the licence, as well as unannounced compliance visits.
- The Service investigated complaints on both licenced operators and unlicensed activity. Enforcement actions that could be taken included refusing licenses, suspending licenses, formal warnings, improvement notices, reduction of star ratings or, for serious breaches, prosecution. Unlicensed activity mainly included dog breeding, as well as home boarding, where people were generally unaware of the legislation for this activity, and organised criminal activity.
- 133 inspections, investigations and advisory visits were carried out in 2025-26.
- The Service had a joined-up approach, working with colleagues from the Animal Welfare Team and Environmental Health as well as the RSPCA and veterinary professionals.
- Inspecting officers must be qualified inspectors, with the training included practical assessments. Any further updates on the training were also undertaken, e.g. primates training was carried out by one officer in November 2025 and the information and material was cascaded to other officers in the team.
- Dog walking was currently not included in the legislation however this was being discussed at a national level.

Capacity within the team was discussed with the Licensing Officer informing that there were three officers who were trained in this area of work, however other officers could be trained if needed.

Primate training was raised. A licence was needed to own a monkey, however there had been no applications for this licence in the borough, and the Service was not aware of any person who owned a monkey.

The list of fees for licenses was requested, along with clarification on whether these fees covered the cost of the service. The Licensing Officer would circulate this information. The number and types of operators for each star rating was also requested, along with the link to the register of licences on the website.

The type of activity that required a licence was discussed. It was noted that a licence was not needed if caring for a pet on behalf of a family member or friend while they were on holiday or sick. A licence was also not needed if your pet accidentally got pregnant and you gave the puppies/kittens away at a small cost. However, if you were carrying out a business of looking after or breeding animals for a profit, then a licence was needed. This advice was available on the website.

The Service Manager and Team Leader for Adult Social Care also presented a report which outlined how they carry out their responsibilities to protect the pets of vulnerable people who had been assessed as being unable to manage their financial affairs and had no family, friends or solicitor to assist them. The key points highlighted were:

- The Council had a responsibility to look after pets of vulnerable people who were admitted to hospital or 24-hour care under the Care Act 2014, the Children and Families Act 2014 (Consequential Amendments), and Animal Welfare Act 2006. If the person became a permanent resident in care or passed away, the Council would take reasonable steps to find the pets a suitable home.
- The majority of pets being looked after were dogs and cats, however the service had also looked after other animals which had included pet birds, fish, snakes, rabbits etc. The number of pets looked after in 2025-26 was 25, 15 dogs and 10 cats.
- A three-year contract with a kennel had been in place for three months, for five kennel spaces within that site which included two isolation spaces. The service tended to go over the contract at any one time due to the number of animals they were responsible for. The kennel also offered a level of in-home care when they were awaiting spaces. Prior to the contract, animals were placed in kennels on ad hoc basis. This was a different kennel to the one used by the Animal Welfare team.
- Isolation spaces were used when an animal was either not up to date with their vaccines or there was no proof of vaccine history. The animal would be in isolation for approximately two weeks whilst initial vaccines and booster vaccines were administered.
- The Council attempted to recover costs for looking after pets, invoicing monthly and ensuring that was paid when the Council had access to the owners' finances under their statutory duties. Where the Council did not have access to the owners' finances, an invoice would be sent once the animal had either returned home or had been re-homed.
- The length of time an animal would be accommodated was variable, from a couple of days to six months plus. There were some animals accommodated for a number of years, and this was usually because the owner retained capacity over their decision making and were unable to take the animal back but refusing to consent to re-home the animal. Animals would only be euthanised on a vet recommendation, and involving the owner if they had the capacity, or the Assistant Director if the owner did not have the capacity to consent.

Members noted that Social Care officers did not have specialist training in animal welfare and questioned the support available in assisting their work. The Committee were informed that if they were going to be first in a property or if they had any concerns

regarding the animal within the property, they would contact the Animal Welfare Team. An officer from that team would offer advice. On questioning, Officers confirmed that aggressive animals had not been an issue so far but, if there was a case, a risk assessment would be taken to ensure the home was secure for care being provided in the premises.

The recovery of costs was discussed. It was explained that invoices were raised and Social Care would follow these up, however people often wouldn't engage. Debt recovery was now moving to the Corporate Debt Team when people did not engage and would be following the standard processes. It was hoped this would increase the amount being recovered for the service. In cases where an owner was unable to take the pet back but refusing for it to be rehomed, the social worker would try to emphasize the best interests of the animal, but the Service had not overridden anyone's wishes. The Service was paying for kennelling upfront for these longer-term placements and would not invoice until the animal was no longer in the kennels.

Members questioned whether the service had animals that repeatedly needed their care and were informed that this did happen. The figures presented reflected each time an animal was in their care.

Members questioned the early intervention steps taken to prevent animals needing to be taken into Council's care. Officers informed that when assessments were carried out, contingency plans were put in place to ensure that in the eventuality a person needed to go into hospital or care a friend, relative or carer would be able to assist. In emergency situations, it was found that friends and family were quite helpful and willing to take in pets. When further questioned officers confirmed that they did not have a list of the people Adult Social Care supports who had pets and were unable to predict the number of pets they were likely to need to make provisions for.

It was noted that there were no care homes in the Borough that allowed pets to stay with their owners.

The Environmental Health Service Manager gave a verbal report regarding the work of the Animal Welfare Team. The key points highlighted were:

- The team sits within Environmental health, receives 1,300 service requests per annum, has high return to owner rates and incredibly low put to sleep rates. It works with partners to ensure animals were given every opportunity to be rehomed and the team had continuously received the RSPCA Gold Paw Print Award. The work of the team contributed to public safety by preventing possibilities of dog attacks, causing hazards, and/or nuisance behaviour,
- The duty to seize stray dogs was passed over to local authorities in 2008 and must carry out this duty 365 days a year. The Council also had the duty to ensure suitable facilities were provided for animals seized and welfare was addressed, keeping animals safely and humanely.
- When the service was unable to reunite a dog with its owner after seven days, the dog legally became the property of the Council and it was at this point the team would work with charity partners and behaviouralist to determine whether it could be re-homed.
- The team had links with the Police due to the partnership working required regarding dangerous dogs and assisting investigations. However, the Police were primarily responsible for enforcing laws under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991.

- Promoting responsible dog and pet ownership played a vital role in improving both animal welfare and public safety, ensuring people understood their responsibilities and preventing dogs becoming stray. This included promoting vaccinations, neutering to avoid unwanted litters, and pet insurance to assist owners with the cost of rising vet fees. Unvaccinated animal was an issue for the team as they may need to be quarantined when in their care.
- The team had their own kennelling and cattery arrangements with increasing demands on the need for those services. It also had strong partnership with the Dogs Trust and other charities and wished to continue to keep those strong ties.
- Not all pet owners microchipped their pets, so if these pets got out and picked up by the service there were no details for the team to find. In addition, there was no centrally held database for microchips, and several private companies carrying out this service, so if a microchip was found the team may need to check several different databases to find the details. Once details had been found, these could be out of date, as the pet had changed owners and the details not updated.

Members questioned the responsibility for pets of individuals that had been taken into police custody or prison. The officer confirmed that this would be a police responsibility, who would need to ensure that the pets' safety and welfare was addressed, and returned to the owner when released. If the owner was not released, they would need to find a family member or friend to take the animal while they were being detained.

AGREED the information be noted.

PLA/19/26 Chairs Update and Work Programme 2026-2027

Consideration was given to the Work Programme.

Site visits to kennels used by Stockton Borough Council Animal Welfare and Adult Social Care services for the Scrutiny Review of Animal Welfare were discussed and it was agreed that these would be arranged.

AGREED the work programme be noted and site visits arranged.

Chair:

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REPORT TO PLACE SELECT COMMITTEE

13 July 2026

Scrutiny Review of Animal Welfare, Kennelling, and Protection of Pets

Summary

The second evidence session for the Committee's review of Animal Welfare, Kennelling, and Protection of Pets will consider evidence from Cleveland Police.

Detail

1. As part of the scoping process, the Committee identified Cleveland Police as a key contributor to the review. The Dangerous Dog Legislation Officer has therefore been invited to give evidence regarding the Police's role and responsibilities regarding animal welfare (presentation to follow).
2. The Officer has been asked to cover the following points in his evidence:
 - Police responsibilities regarding animal welfare and dangerous dogs
 - The number of animals/dogs Cleveland Police deal with and kennel
 - What happens in the long term to dangerous dogs and the animals of suspects seized
 - How can we improve general understanding of the roles and responsibilities between the police and the LA, in particular in regards to suspect/prisoner property i.e. the Police and the dogs of those who have been detained
3. A copy of the agreed scope and project plan for the review is attached for information.

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Place Select Committee
Review of Animal Welfare, Kennelling, and the Protection of Pets
Outline Scope

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Which of our strategic corporate objectives does this topic address? The review will address the following priority of the Stockton-on-Tees Plan: Priority Two – Healthy and resilient communities: we will ensure that our diverse communities can live happy and healthy lives, that we support those who are experiencing poverty. We will strive to ensure that our residents are resilient, independent and where ever possible, economically active. We will support residents to be safe and connected to each other in their homes and communities. Animal Welfare also has direct links into both the Partnership and Regeneration Missions of the 'Powering our Future' program.	
What are the main issues and overall aim of this review? As part of the Council's Environmental Health Service, the Animal Welfare Team performs several critical functions and interventions to protect the public, ensure the welfare of animals, and promote animal wellbeing, including the statutory control over stray dogs. The service has a strong track record of high-quality provision, receiving the RSPCA Gold Standard award annually since its inception and recently one of only a few local authorities nationally to receive the platinum award for continual excellent. In addition to our Council responsibilities, there is a short-term kennelling facility at the Security Centre, which is also utilised by the Police for housing dogs involved in daily operations, such as the arrest of suspects with dogs or the detention of dangerous dogs. The service currently receives an average of 700 requests per year with the demand for animal welfare services rising, both in the number of animals handled and the complexity of cases. This national trend is mirrored in Adult Social Care Services, where rehoming animals, particularly dogs, presents significant challenges for staff. In addition, the length of time that dogs are required to stay in long term kennelling provision is increasing while at the same time, the availability of long-term kennelling is becoming more limited, and the associated costs are escalating. This reflects similar issues faced by local authorities nationwide. The increasing costs are driven by factors such as rising operational expenses, stricter regulations, increase in veterinary costs and higher demand for kennelling services.	

The review will therefore assess the long-term challenges and consider options for the future provision of animal welfare services, kennelling, and property protection. Key areas for consideration include:

1. **Financial Sustainability:** Exploring funding options and cost-saving measures to ensure the continued provision of high-quality animal welfare services.
2. **Capacity and Infrastructure:** Assessing the need for additional kennelling facilities or partnerships to accommodate the growing number of animals.
3. **Staffing and Training:** Ensuring our officers are adequately trained and supported to handle the increasing complexity of cases.
4. **Collaboration with External Agencies:** Strengthening partnerships with the Police, private kennelling providers, and other local authorities to share resources and best practices.
5. **Community Engagement:** Raising awareness and encouraging responsible pet ownership to reduce the number of stray and abandoned animals.

The overall aim of the review will be to address the challenges to the long-term sustainability and cost of services and thereby continue to provide excellent care for animals and ensure the safety and well-being of the community.

The Committee will undertake the following key lines of enquiry:

What is the minimum (statutory) service that the Council must provide?
 What services are the Council providing above the minimum required and why?
 What is the current position on “put to sleep”?
 How effectively does the current service safeguard animal welfare?
 How long are animals at council funded facilities?
 How has demand for the service changed, e.g. number/complexity of cases, and what impact is this having on the service?
 What support is given to help vulnerable/homeless individuals to care for their pets?
 How is the service funded?
 Are there any income-generation opportunities?
 What current partnership arrangements are in place and how effective are these?
 What are the options for increasing capacity to meet an increased demand? E.g. additional facilities, shared provision, alternative models?
 What training is required for animal welfare officers?
 Is additional training or support required to manage more complex and/or sensitive cases?
 What public engagement is being carried out to promote responsible pet ownership and reduce abandonment and dangerous dog incidents? How effective are these?

Who will the Committee be trying to influence as part of its work?

Cabinet, Council, key partners e.g. police, other local authorities, public

Expected duration of review and key milestones:

7 months, reporting to Cabinet in January 2027

Scope and Project Plan –18 May 2026

Evidence gathering June 2026 – October 2026 Draft recommendations – 9 November 2026 Final Report – 14 December 2026 Submission to Cabinet – 21 January 2027
What information do we need?
Existing information (background information, existing reports, legislation, central government documents, etc.): • Statutory requirements • Existing policy/service New information: • Best practice from across the country

Who can provide us with further relevant evidence? (Cabinet Member, officer, service user, general public, expert witness, etc.)	What specific areas do we want them to cover when they give evidence?
Animal welfare officers	Council responsibilities regarding animal welfare The current service offer including short-term kennelling facility and long-term kennelling arrangements The demand on the service Veterinary arrangements and cost Training received Funding of the service
Police	Police responsibilities regarding animal welfare The number of animals/dogs they deal with and kennel What happens in the long term to dangerous dogs and the animals of suspects they seize
Other local authorities	Best practice in providing animal welfare services and meeting demand for services Training provided for staff
Local Veterinary Services and PDSA	Health implications for long term kennelling Veterinary costs Veterinary support for vulnerable/homeless pet owners
Dogs Trust	Demand for pets and issues with rehoming Partnerships with private kennels and Council
RSPCA	View on Council Animal Welfare provision Partnerships with private and Council kennels
Communications Officers	The communication strategies for promoting responsible pet ownership
Licensing	To understand how the Licensing regime supports and ensures high standards of animal welfare
Adult Social Care	Support given to look after/rehome pets of individuals going into hospital or care

How will this information be gathered? (e.g. financial baselining and analysis, benchmarking, site visits, face-to-face questioning, telephone survey, survey) Committee meetings, reports, case studies
How will key partners and the public be involved in the review? Attendance at meetings, information submissions
How will the review help the Council meet the Public Sector Equality Duty? The Equality Act 2010 protects everyone from discrimination on grounds of nine Protected Characteristics (including – but not limited to – age, gender, disability, ethnicity), and advance equality of opportunity for those with Protected Characteristics. Providing an effective animal welfare service ensures public safety of all residents by controlling stray and dangerous dogs, which reduces the risk of attacks and injuries. This fosters a sense of security and well-being among residents.
How will the review contribute towards the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, or the implementation of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy? By reducing the risk of attacks and injuries and fostering a sense of security and well-being contributes to Focus Area 3: Everyone lives in healthy and sustainable places and communities.
Provide an initial view as to how this review could lead to efficiencies, improvements and/or transformation: The review will be seeking to explore funding options and cost-saving measures, ensuring officers are adequately trained and supported, and strengthening partnerships to ensure the continuation of high-quality animal welfare services that is able to respond to the increasing complexity of cases. It will also seek to raise awareness with residents and encourage responsible pet owners to reduce the number of stray and abandoned animals.

Project Plan

Key Task	Details/Activities	Date	Responsibility
Scoping of Review	Information gathering	April 2026	Scrutiny Officer Link Officer
Tri-Partite Meeting	Meeting to discuss aims and objectives of review	17.04.26	Select Committee Chair and Vice Chair, Cabinet Member(s), Director(s), Scrutiny Officer, Link Officer
Agree Project Plan	Scope and Project Plan agreed by Committee	18.05.26	Select Committee
Publicity of Review	Determine whether Communications Plan needed		Link Officer, Scrutiny Officer
Obtaining Evidence		15.06.26 13.07.26 14.09.26 12.10.26	Select Committee
Members decide recommendations and findings	Review summary of findings and formulate draft recommendations	09.11.26	Select Committee
Circulate Draft Report to Stakeholders	Circulation of Report	November/December 2026	Scrutiny Officer
Tri-Partite Meeting	Meeting to discuss findings of review and draft recommendations	November/December 2026 TBC	Select Committee Chair and Vice Chair, Cabinet Member(s), Director(s), Scrutiny Officer, Link Officer
Final Agreement of Report	Approval of final report by Committee	14.12.26	Select Committee, Cabinet Member, Director
Consideration of Report by Executive Scrutiny Committee	Consideration of report	19.01.27	Executive Scrutiny Committee
Report to Cabinet/Approving Body	Presentation of final report with recommendations for approval to Cabinet	21.01.27	Cabinet / Approving Body

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Place Select Committee

13 July 2026

Progress Update for Agreed Recommendations – Review of Domestic Waste Collections, Kerbside Recycling, and Green Waste

Summary

Members are asked to consider the evidence and assessments of progress contained within the attached Progress Update on the implementation of previously agreed recommendations in relation to the review of Domestic Waste Collections, Kerbside Recycling, and Green Waste for access to the final report, please see [Domestic Waste Kerbside Recycling and Green Waste](#)

Detail

1. Following the Cabinet consideration of scrutiny reports, accepted recommendations are then subject to a monitoring process to track their implementation.
2. Two main types of report are used. Initially this is by means of Action Plans detailing how services will be taking forward agreed recommendations. This is then followed by a Progress Update report, when evidence is submitted by the relevant department together with an assessment of progress against all recommendations. Should members of the Select Committee agree, those recommendations which have reached an assessment of '1' are then signed off as having been completed.
3. If any recommendations remain incomplete, or if the Select Committee does not agree with the view on progress, the Select Committee may ask for a further update.
4. The assessment of progress for each recommendation should be categorised as follows:

1	Achieved (Fully)	The evidence provided shows that the recommendation has been fully implemented within the timescale specified.
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2	On Track (but not yet due for completion)	The evidence provided shows that implementation of the recommendation is on track but the timescale specified has not expired.
3	Slipped	The evidence shows that progress on implementation has slipped. An anticipated date by which the recommendation is expected to become achieved should be advised and the reasons for the delay.
4	Not Achieved	The evidence provided shows that the recommendation has not been fully achieved. An explanation for non-achievement of the recommendation would be provided.

5. To further strengthen the monitoring process, from August 2020, the Progress Update report will also include references on the evidence of impact for each recommendation.
6. For progress update reports following the completion of a review, the relevant Link Officer will be in attendance.
7. **Appendix 1** (Review of Domestic Waste Collection, Kerbside Recycling, and Green Waste) sets out the outstanding recommendations for this Committee. Members are asked to review the update and indicate whether they agree with the assessments of progress.

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APPENDIX 1

PROGRESS UPDATE: Review of Domestic Waste Collections, Kerbside Recycling, and Green Waste

SCRUTINY MONITORING – PROGRESS UPDATE	
Review:	Review of Domestic Waste Collections, Kerbside Recycling, and Green Waste
Link Officer/s:	Dale Rowbotham
Action Plan Agreed:	April 2024

Updates on the progress of actions in relation to agreed recommendations from previous scrutiny reviews are required approximately 12 months after the relevant Select Committee has agreed the Action Plan. Progress updates must be detailed, evidencing what has taken place regarding each recommendation – a grade assessing progress should then be given (see end of document for grading explanation). Any evidence on the impact of the actions undertaken should also be recorded for each recommendation.

Recommendation 1:	That the Council adopt a fortnightly refuse collection service.
Responsibility:	Service Manager – Community Services & Transport
Date:	April 2026
Agreed Action:	A move from the current weekly refuse collection service to a fortnightly waste collection service. Consideration to be given to some properties in the borough, such as farm and back lane properties.
Agreed Success Measure:	Successful implementation of a fortnightly waste collection service
Evidence of Progress (November 2024):	The waste and recycling changes, now being developed through the transformation process was approved by cabinet on the 17 th October 2024 and details of the changes to the service have been communicated with residents. Residents are able to access a dedicated Council webpage which outlines the changes. Officers have considered the frequency of back-alley collections, and the Council will remain collecting back alley residual waste on a weekly basis due to issues with fly tipping, collection frequencies will be considered again in the future. Officers are currently undertaking a piece of work to assess how collections will take place from farms properties to include recycling and food waste collections from these properties.
Assessment of Progress (November 2024): (include explanation if required)	2 (On-Track)
Evidence of Impact (November 2024):	Details regarding changes to the frequency of residual waste collections have been communicated to residents on social media, the My Council Newsletter and on the dedicated webpage. The changes to collection frequency impacts wider recycling changes as per recommendation 2 of the Place Select Committee. Once introduced the Council expects to see a decline in residual waste tonnages and increase in the amount of recyclable material collected from the kerbside.

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Evidence of Progress (May 2025):	The Council are progressing with implementation of the fortnightly refuse collection service and the introduction of weekly recycling and food waste collections. Procurement of the new blue bags, food waste caddies, liners and additional white bags along with the food waste disposal contract are underway and are nearing completion. The Council is working alongside the other Tees Valley Councils on the procurement of food waste caddies and liners and the food waste disposal contract. Procurement of the new recycling vehicles is complete, and the Council are awaiting delivery of these in late 2025. Operationally, the Council have begun the re-routing of the current refuse and recycling rounds in preparation for April 2025. Recruitment of drivers and loaders is due to begin in October in preparation for training and the service launch. The Council are in the process of organising and preparing for the delivery of the new receptacles (blue bag, food waste caddies and liners) to all residents.
Assessment of Progress (May 2025): (include explanation if required)	2 (On-Track)
Evidence of Impact (May 2025):	Media and communications are continuing to communicate the changes to resident to ensure they are well informed and prepared for service launch but also informing residents of what they can do now in order to increase our recycling rates. The Council have seen an increase in the number of recycling receptacles handed out from the customer service centres and also taken from the resident engagement team during their visits.
Evidence of Progress (November 2025):	Work is progressing well on the waste and recycling changes, including: New collection rounds are being developed with most days now complete, residents will be notified of any changes in the coming months in line with communication plan First collection of new service is being planned for 31st March 2026. This date has been chosen due to Easter holidays in early April. A members briefing session is being planned for the meeting on 27th January 2026, discussions are ongoing with democratic services to arrange this.
Assessment of Progress (November 2025): (include explanation if required)	2 (On-Track)
Evidence of Impact (November 2025):	Resident engagement team and communications continue to highlight the changes to residents in preparation for waste and recycling changes from 31 st March 2026.
Evidence of Progress (July 2026):	On 31 st March 2026 fortnightly waste collections (green wheeled bin) were rolled out for all households. These changes were implemented in line with the new recycling service which saw a new food waste collection service and a move to weekly collections of dry recycling.
Assessment of Progress (July 2026): (include explanation if required)	1 (Fully Achieved)

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Evidence of Impact (July 2026):	Against a number of challenges, the waste and recycling service changes rolled out to all residents in the borough on Tuesday 31 st March 2026.
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Recommendation 2:	That scenario 3 (fortnightly refuse collection with a weekly ‘multi-stream collection of dry recycling and food waste) in the Place Select Committee report is adopted as the Council’s new waste and recycling collection service. That consideration is also given to timescales around national mandated services and local waste disposal arrangements.
Responsibility:	Service Manager – Community Services & Transport
Date:	April 2026
Agreed Action:	A move from the current fortnightly recycling collection service to a weekly recycling collection service, when rolling out mandatory separate weekly food waste collections. Consideration to be given to some properties in the borough, such as farm and back lane properties. Aim to future proof against upcoming legislative changes around small Waste Electronic and Electrical Equipment (WEEE) and soft plastic material.
Agreed Success Measure:	Successful implementation of a weekly food waste and recycling service.
Evidence of Progress (November 2024):	The Council’s Cabinet approved the waste and recycling changes, now being developed through the transformation process on the 17th October 2024. Changes to the recycling service have been communicated to residents on social media and on the new dedicated webpage. Officers are on track with the procurement of the new recycling vehicles. Residents will be receiving a new blue recycling bag for plastic and cans which will contain a heavier weight to respond to residents’ issues regarding bags blowing away. The current white bag will be used for cardboard and paper within the paper pouch, the weight within this bag will also be increased from 500g to 1kg. Officers are working along other Tees Valley Councils to consider the feasibility of the joint procurement of internal and external food waste caddies alongside joint communications regarding the mandated weekly food waste collections to residents. Officers are currently undertaking research into how WEEE and textile collections will take place and offtaker for this material. As part of the procurement of the new recycling vehicle, the specification for the vehicle requires 1 compartment to be dedicated to WEEE and textiles. Back-alley properties will receive the same collection service as other households and will be collected from the front of properties. Officers are currently undertaking a piece of work to assess how collections will take place from farms properties to include recycling and food waste collections from these properties.

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Evidence of Impact (November 2024):	Details regarding changes to recycling collections have been communicated to residents on social media, the My Council Newsletter and on the dedicated webpage. Once introduced the Council expects to see a decline in residual waste tonnages and increase in the amount of recyclable material collected from the kerbside.
Evidence of Progress (May 2025):	The Council are progressing with implementation of the fortnightly refuse collection service and the introduction of weekly recycling and food waste collections. Procurement of the new blue bags, food waste caddies, liners and additional white bags along with the food waste disposal contract are underway and are nearing completion. The Council is working alongside the other Tees Valley Councils on the procurement of food waste caddies and liners and the food waste disposal contract. Procurement of the new recycling vehicles is complete, and the Council are awaiting delivery of these in late 2025. Operationally, the Council have begun the re-routing of the current refuse and recycling rounds in preparation for April 2025. Recruitment of drivers and loaders is due to begin in October in preparation for training and the service launch. The Council are in the process of organising and preparing for the delivery of the new receptacles (blue bag, food waste caddies and liners) to all residents.
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Evidence of Progress (November 2025):	Work is progressing well on the waste and recycling changes, including: New recycling containers are starting to be delivered to the distribution warehouse in preparation for delivery to households starting January 2026. New recycling vehicles expected on time with the first vehicle leaving the production line in November 2025. This vehicle will be used to assist with training and development of staff prior to accepting all vehicles in 2026. Modifications to the Waste Transfer Station alongside operator procurement and environmental permit are progressing well with a lot of work happening over the next few months

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Assessment of Progress (November 2025): (include explanation if required)	2 (On-Track)
Evidence of Impact (November 2025):	Resident engagement team and communications continue to highlight the changes to residents in preparation for waste and recycling changes from 31 st March 2026.
Evidence of Progress (July 2026):	On 31 st March 2026 weekly dry recycling and food waste collections were rolled out for all households. These changes were implemented in line with the wider waste collection service changes which saw new recycling service which saw a move to fortnightly collections of general waste (green wheeled bins).
Assessment of Progress (July 2026): (include explanation if required)	1 (Fully Achieved)
Evidence of Impact (July 2026):	

Recommendation 4:	That a comprehensive communications and community engagement plan on proposed changes is implemented to ensure residents are sufficiently informed prior to the enactment of any changes, and to help embed the changes, to the waste and recycling service.
Responsibility:	Service Manager – Community Services & Transport
Date:	October 2024
Agreed Action:	Ensure a full communications plan is in place to start approximately 18 months in advance of the April 2026 rollout.
Agreed Success Measure:	Communications plan agreed to disseminate information around waste collection changes for waste and recycling. Resident engagement programme drafted to support the communications plan in disseminating information to residents.
Evidence of Progress (November 2024):	The communication team have produced a detailed comms and action plan for both green waste changes from April 2025 and the waste and recycling changes from April 2026. Comms for both changes began in October 2024 via social media and on the dedicated council webpages. During the October Cabinet the employment of 3 FTE Resident Engagement

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	Officers, or equivalent, was approved. The officers will be employed to communicate and engage with residents through drop in events, door knocking, attendance at leisure centres and supermarkets, ward surgeries and assemblies at schools and colleges. Officers will attend community partnership events and work in areas of known low participation to increase engagement and participation with recycling. Recruitment of officers will begin in early January 2025 and officers are scheduled to be in post for 1st April 2025 for an 18-month period.
Assessment of Progress (November 2024): (include explanation if required)	2 (On-Track)
Evidence of Impact (November 2024):	Communication with residents began upon approval of the changes to the waste and recycling service and garden waste service at Cabinet. A detailed communications and engagement plan is in place alongside employment of resident engagement officers from April 2025. Comms are key to the success of the whole project, and we expect to see increased recycling participation resulting in decreased residual waste tonnages and an increase in kerbside recycling tonnage.
Evidence of Progress (May 2025):	The resident engagement team are in post and have been attending Council events, supermarkets, libraries and markets since April 2025 where the team have informed and engaged with a range of residents alongside handing out leaflets on the upcoming changes and the chargeable garden waste service. The communications team are continuing to implement their detailed and comprehensive communications plan. The Council is beginning to work on the comms that will be delivered to residents alongside their new recycling receptacles. The resident engagement team are beginning to visit schools in May 2025 to educate children on recycling and how they can help protect our environment.
Assessment of Progress (May 2025): (include explanation if required)	2 (On-Track)
Evidence of Impact (May 2025):	The engagement team have been in post since April 2025 and have attended a range of locations to communicate and educate residents on the upcoming changes to waste and recycling and how they can recycle effectively. The team have had visited a wide range of location across the Borough as well as attending visits on evenings and weekends. To date the team have visited almost 30 different locations reaching out to over an estimated 900 residents. So far, the team has received mostly positive comments on the changes and have been able to educate residents on why these changes are being implemented and their benefit for the environment as well supporting residents on signing up to the chargeable garden waste service. Residents have responded well to seeing the engagement team out in the community and it has been noted that residents are pleased that the Council are addressing the low recycling rates and also following suit with the Southern Councils on introducing a weekly food waste collection.

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Evidence of Progress (November 2025):	The Waste Engagement team have undertaken over 100 separate engagement events since April 2025, attending supermarkets, shopping areas, council markets and events (including SRF, Festival of Thrift and Environment Fair). They also continue to work with schools, colleges and community groups. The team will shortly begin door to door canvassing as part of planned engagement and work with the distribution team when new recycling receptacles are being delivered. Communication plan continues to be delivered against A members briefing session is being planned for the meeting on 27th January 2026, discussions are ongoing with democratic services to arrange this
Assessment of Progress (November 2025): (include explanation if required)	2 (On-Track)
Evidence of Impact (November 2025):	Resident engagement team and communications continue to highlight the changes to residents in preparation for waste and recycling changes from 31 st March 2026. Over 100 separate engagement events undertaken since April 2025.
Evidence of Progress (July 2026):	Resident engagement and communications continues to work with residents to highlight the changes from April 2026.
Assessment of Progress (July 2026): (include explanation if required)	2 (On-Track)
Evidence of Impact (July 2026):	

Assessment of Progress Gradings:	1 Fully Achieved	2 On-Track	3 Slipped	4 Not Achieved
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Place Select Committee Update

Waste and Recycling Service Change



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Recommendations

1. That the council adopt a fortnightly refuse collection service.
2. That scenario 3 (fortnightly refuse collection with a weekly 'multi-stream collection of dry recycling and food waste) is adopted as the Council's new waste and recycling collection service, when considering timescales around national mandated services and local waste disposal arrangements.
3. That a comprehensive communications and community engagement plan on proposed changes is implemented to ensure residents are sufficiently informed prior to the enactment of any changes, and to help embed the changes, to the waste and recycling service.
4. To review the green waste collection service in line with updated government guidance.

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Scenario 3 WRAP Model

Scenario 3

Fortnightly refuse collection with a weekly 'multi-stream' collection of dry recycling and food waste meeting the requirements of Simpler Recycling.



Began Tuesday 31st March

Recycling: collected weekly

Food waste: collected weekly

General waste: collected fortnightly

Garden waste: collected fortnightly (1st April 2025)



Uneaten food, peelings, teabags and coffee grounds



Plastics, cans, metals and cartons



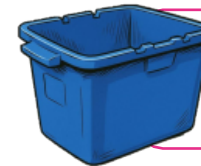
Kettles, toasters and hairstyling tools



Clean and dry clothes and shoes



Cardboard and paper (in front pouch)



Glass and batteries (clear bag)

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The Service So Far...

- Launched: 31st March 2026
- 9 new refuse rounds
- 19 new recycling rounds
- New digital in-cab system for crews and back office
- New recycling vehicle delays

Participation Rates

Previously: 35%



	Projected	Actual
Overall	65%	80%
Dry Recycling	60%	68%
Food Waste	40%	55%



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Tonnages

Material	April 25 (Actual)	April 26 (Predicted)	April 26 (Actual)
Refuse	5077.58	4326.62	3288.36
Dry Recycling	721.55	1045.06	1099.02
Food Waste	N/A	459	521.54
Total Tonnage	5799.13	5850.46	4901.14

Material	May 25 (Actual)	May 26 (Predicted)	May 26 (Actual)
Refuse	4975.43	4284.34	3159.55
Dry Recycling	714.42	1063.02	1066.25
Food Waste	N/A	449.34	506.26
Total Tonnage	5689.85	5796.7	4732.06

Waste and Recycling Improvements

- 35% reduction in residual waste tonnages
- 55% increase in recycling tonnages (including food waste)
- Predicted recycling tonnage of 13,000 indicative tonnages track at 18,000 tonnes per year
- Indicative recycling rate: 40 – 42%

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Issue with Cardboard

Issue: Bulky cardboard presented at the kerbside. This cardboard would be more suited for disposal at Haverton Hill due to size.

Action: Crews will only take cardboard which is inside the white bag
Residents can have as many white bags as they wish, these can be collection from the libraries.

Comms: Social media messaging on only accepting cardboard in the white bag.
Waste and recycling webpage update with guidance on disposal of bulky cardboard.



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Bartec Digital In-Cab System

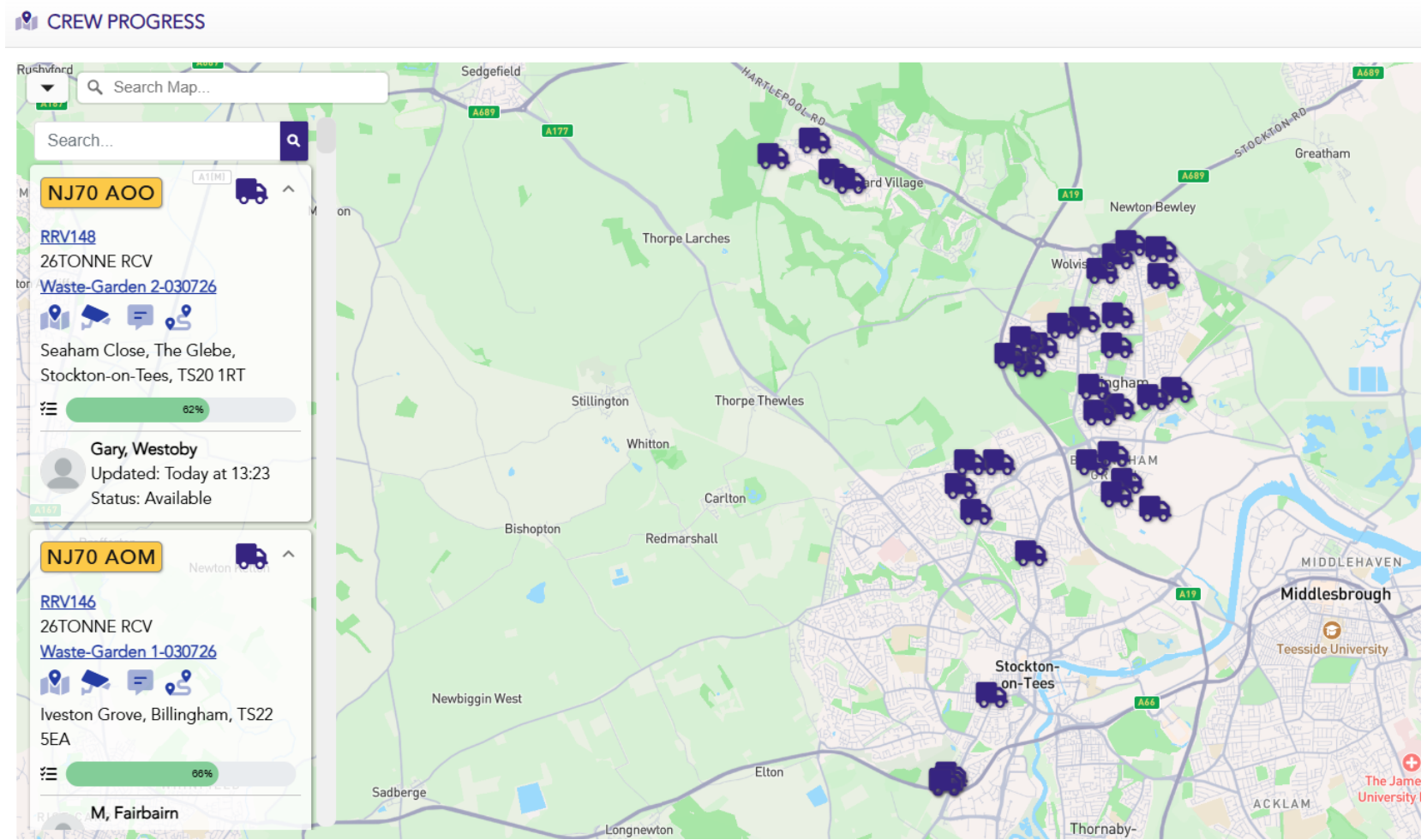
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Communications and Engagement

Communications Plan

Purpose:

Inform residents about new waste collection arrangements starting 31st March 2026.

Channels and Assets:

- Social media (posts, photos, infographics)
- Website updates and postcode checker for properties with day changes
- Printed leaflets, postcards, letters
- E-newsletters, KYiT, Stockton News
- Digital screens, intranet & email banners
- Billboard signage in the Dairy car park
- Receptacle videos

Be Bin Day Ready!

Waste and recycling across the Borough is changing. First new collections will begin on **Tuesday 31 March 2026**



You can see our **red** and **blue** weeks on the back of this leaflet or scan the QR code to use our online postcode checker



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Communications and Engagement

Resident Engagement

- 18-month programme – 1 year prior and 6 months after service launch
- Face-to-face engagement
- Focussing on educating our residents
- Wide range of visits and events – markets, SIRF, fun days, supermarkets and more!
- Door knocking focussed on lower participation areas
- School assemblies and workshops
- 160+ events reaching over 12,500 residents

Engaged
with over
12,500
residents

Over 2000
receptacles
handed out

Over 30
school
assemblies

Engagement Feedback

Feedback from residents during events held by the resident engagement team

"I can't wait for the
new service to
start."

"This seems very
well thought out."

"I wasn't going to
do the food waste,
but I'll give it a go
now I've seen it."

'You've restored
my faith in the
council'



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Chargeable Garden Waste



Year 1 Subscriptions (April 2025)

Households: 21,075

Bins delivered: 22,225

25.8% of eligible households signed up – 20% original projection

Year 2 Renewals (March 2026)

Households: 22,000

New sign ups for year 2: 4,000

Service start: 17th March 2026

Service end: 20th November 2026

Resident communications are ongoing



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Agenda Item 8

Place Select Committee Work Programme 2026-2027

Date (4pm unless stated)	Topic	Attendance
Monday 20 April 2026	Scrutiny Review of Governance of Capital Projects – Final Report Overview - Town Centres Development - Inclusive growth & Development	Iain Robinson, Neil Bramma & Andy Corcoran Cllr Richard Eglington, Tracey Carter, Iain Robinson, & Chris Renahan
Monday 18 May 2026	Monitoring: Progress Update - Scrutiny Review of Affordable Housing Scrutiny Review of Animal Welfare, Kennelling and Protection of Pets – Scope and Project Plan	Jane Edmonds Marc Stephenson & Stephen Donaghy
Monday 15 June 2026	Monitoring: Action Plan – Scrutiny Review of Governance of Capital Projects Scrutiny Review of Animal Welfare, Kennelling and Protection of Pets Evidence Gathering	Iain Robinson, Neil Bramma & Andy Corcoran Marc Stephenson & Stephen Donaghy Polly Edwards, Kirsty Wannop, Graham Lyons & Sarah Garside
Monday 13 July 2026	Monitoring: Progress Update - Scrutiny Review of Domestic Waste Collections, Kerbside Recycling and Green Waste Collections Scrutiny Review of Animal Welfare, Kennelling and Protection of Pets Evidence Gathering	Dale Rowbotham Marc Stephenson & Stephen Donaghy PC Chris Lambert
Monday 14 September 2026	Scrutiny Review of Animal Welfare, Kennelling and Protection of Pets Evidence Gathering	Marc Stephenson & Stephen Donaghy

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Date (4pm unless stated)	Topic	Attendance
Monday 12 October 2026	Monitoring: Progress Update – Muslim and Faith Burials Scrutiny Review of Animal Welfare, Kennelling and Protection of Pets Evidence Gathering	Dale Rowbotham & Darren Robinson Marc Stephenson & Stephen Donaghy
Monday 9 November 2026	Monitoring: Progress Update - Scrutiny Review of Affordable Housing Overview & Performance - Community Services - Environment, Leisure & Green Infrastructure - Housing and A Fairer Stockton-on-Tees	Jane Edmends Cllr Nigel Cooke, Cllr Paul Rowling, Cllr Richard Eglington, Reuben Kench, Craig Willows, Neil Mitchell, Carolyn Nice, & Jane Edmends
Monday 9 November 2026 (Informal)	Scrutiny Review of Animal Welfare, Kennelling and Protection of Pets Summary of evidence	Marc Stephenson & Stephen Donaghy
Monday 14 December 2026	Monitoring: Progress Update - Scrutiny Review of Burial Provision Scrutiny Review of Animal Welfare, Kennelling and Protection of Pets Final Report	Chris Renahan Marc Stephenson & Stephen Donaghy
Monday 11 January 2027		
Monday 15 February 2027		
Monday 15 March 2027		