

## People Select Committee Chair's Update – March 2025

<b>Scrutiny Review – Disabled Facilities Grant</b>	
<b>Achieved since last meeting</b>	<p>The Committee reviewed the summary of evidence received and consider recommendations at the informal meeting in December, before agreeing their final report and recommendations at their meeting in February.</p> <p>The Committee has received evidence from Housing Regeneration and Investment, Occupational Therapy, and Building Services teams, Foundations who are the national body for Home Improvement Agencies and Disabled Facilities Grant, and Stockton &amp; District Information &amp; Advice Service. They have also considered customer satisfaction survey results and consultation also took place with residents via Stockton Parent Carer Forum.</p> <p>The recommendations seek to both improve communications with those applying for DFG's as well as streamline current processes. They also support closer working with Registered Providers, and reviewing the impact of extra funding announced in January 2025, as well as calling for strengthen the regulations for new builds so that adaptations are not required when the occupants needs change.</p> <p>The report was subsequently presented and endorsed at Cabinet in March.</p>
<b>Problems or concerns</b>	None
<b>Planned next month</b>	Review complete
<b>On track – yes / no</b>	Yes

<b>Monitoring</b>	
<b>Key Issues / Problems or Concerns</b>	<p>The initial progress update for the Cost of Living Response was considered at the November meeting.</p> <p>Progress updates regarding previously completed reviews will be received by the Committee as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost of Living Response - May 2025</li> </ul>
<b>Requests for more information</b>	None

<b>Overview / Performance and Quality Assurance</b>	
<b>Key Issues / Problems or Concerns</b>	No reports received since previous update.
<b>Requests for more information</b>	None

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Next Scrutiny Review
TBD

2025-2026 Meetings (all 4.00pm unless stated)
Monday 7 April 2025 Monday 12 May 2025 Monday 2 June 2025 Monday 7 July 2025 Monday 8 September 2025 Monday 6 October 2025 Monday 3 November 2025 Monday 8 December 2025 Monday 5 January 2026 Monday 2 February 2026 Monday 2 March 2026