

Community Safety Select Committee Chair's Update – March 2026

Scrutiny Review – Children affected by Domestic Abuse	
Achieved since last meeting	<p>Cleveland Police gave a presentation in relation to this scrutiny topic at the Committee meeting in December 2025 where Members were also informed that the survey issued to early years providers (childminders / nurseries) had been extended due to a very poor response rate.</p> <p>The review's evidence-gathering phase concluded at the meeting in January 2026 where the Committee considered contributions from the Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees Safeguarding Children Partnership (HSSCP), Thirteen Housing Group, and SBC Housing Services.</p> <p>An informal 'summary of evidence' session was held in February 2026 to consider all the information received and formulate draft recommendations. At this session, feedback from the extended early years providers survey was also shared.</p>
Problems or concerns	None
Planned this / next month	Following the end-of-review tri-partite meeting scheduled for early-March 2026, a draft final report will be presented to the Committee for approval at its meeting in late-March 2026.
On track – yes / no	Yes

Scrutiny Review – Community Participation Budget and Ward Transport Budget	
Achieved since last meeting	The scoping phase for this review began in February 2026, with an initial officer meeting held to discuss potential aims and key lines of enquiry.
Problems or concerns	None
Planned this / next month	An initial tri-partite meeting is scheduled for early-March 2026 – a draft scope and plan will then be presented to the Committee for approval at its meeting in late-March 2026.
On track – yes / no	Yes

Monitoring	
Key Issues / Problems or Concerns	<p>No updates have been considered by the Committee since the last Executive Scrutiny Committee meeting:</p> <p>Future progress updates regarding previously completed reviews will be received by the Committee as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fly-Grazed Horses (TBC) (<i>note: in November 2025, Cleveland Police was approached to see if there were any developments</i>)

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	<p><i>from a force perspective that might enable some further progress on this issue – to date, no further information has been provided)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcoming and Safe Town Centres (TBC – mid-2026)
Requests for more information	None

Overview / Performance and Quality Assurance

Key Issues / Problems or Concerns	<p>Safer Stockton Partnership (SSP): Minutes of previous SSP meetings are periodically included on Committee agendas so Members are sighted on developments within that forum.</p> <p>SBC Air Quality Strategy 2025-2030: Further to the adoption of a new air quality strategy by SBC Cabinet in July 2025, the Committee received a presentation on its content at the meeting in November 2025. Comments / questions were subsequently raised by Members in relation to the impact of the annual bonfire night, the use of wood-burners, Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs), car idling around schools, the Council's relationship with the Environment Agency, obligations in relation to the reporting of air quality, work undertaken in partnership with schools, use of electric vehicles (EVs) and the associated concerns around the provision of sufficient charging points (including those that could be accessed / used by people with disabilities), and what would make the most significant impact on the Borough's air quality moving forward.</p>
Requests for more information	None

2025-2026 Scrutiny Reviews

- Children affected by Domestic Abuse
- Community Participation Budget and Ward Transport Budget

Remaining 2025-2026 Meetings (all 4.30pm unless stated)

Thursday 26 March 2026