

Place Select Committee Chair's Update – March 2026

Scrutiny Review – Capital Projects	
Achieved since last meeting	<p>Evidence sessions were held in January and February, where the Committee received information regarding the new governance arrangements for the Capital Programme that were introduced in November 2024. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the five stages within the lifecycle of a project: Foundation, Discovery, Design, Delivery, and Review. the tiered governance system which provides decision and reporting routes along with assurance mechanisms and include Project groups, Working Groups, the Placemaking Misson Board, CMT/POF and Cabinet/Council. <p>The Committee also received templates and examples of the types of documentation that have been introduced to support the capital projects, including the Project Document, Risk, Actions, issues, Decisions and Lessons Learnt Log, the Highlight Report/Dashboard, and Closure Report.</p> <p>The management and recording of risks throughout a project were raised at both sessions. Possible risks are highlighted at the Discovery stage with judgements made on contingencies and any issues arising throughout the project highlighted through the gateways.</p> <p>Discussion also took place regarding Member involvement throughout the process, which included Cabinet member engagement. Ward members engagement is dependent on the project. In addition, some projects may have a board/group with member presentation e.g. Thornaby Town Deal Board.</p>
Problems or concerns	None
Planned next month	The Council's Monitoring Officer has been invited to the meeting on 9 March to give their views on the governance processes. The informal meeting will take place immediately following this to review the evidence received and formulate draft recommendations
On track – yes / no	Yes

Monitoring	
Key Issues / Problems or Concerns	An action plan for the Muslim and Faith Burial provision was presented and agreed at the February meeting. The recommendation to install burial rings in the Muslim section of Thornaby Cemeteries was due to be fully completed by September, due to the lead in times from ordering to installation of the rings.

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	<p>Progress updates regarding previously completed reviews will be received by the Committee as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable Housing (May 2025) • Domestic Waste Collections, Kerbside Recycling and Green Waste Collections (July 2026) • Muslim and Faith Burial (October 2026) • Burial Provision (December 2026)
Requests for more information	None

Crustacean Deaths Collaborative Working Group	
Key Issues / Problems or Concerns	Dr Gibbon of North East Fishing Collective and North East Marine Research Group has updated the Working Group that a Judicial Review against the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) regarding a license to allow dumping of dredged material has been successful. MMO will now have a 12-month window for 'full consideration' of the application.
Requests for more information	None

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

Next Scrutiny Review	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBC
Remaining 2024-2025 Meetings (all 4.00pm unless stated)	
	Monday 9 March 2026